



# Knight News

## Mother Seton Council 6724



October 2018

Nativity Catholic Church

### Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our Annual Charitable Golf Classic a success. It took months of work, but the results are well worth it.

We were spared by Hurricane Florence but our sisters and brothers on the East coast were not. The damage caused by the flooding is tragic and it will take months before life is back to normal. Please keep all those impacted by the storm in your prayers.

There are a lot of events happening in October so please check the list of upcoming events at the end of this newsletter.

Due to all the turmoil in our nation's capital, I offer you the following prayer. Let us all say it in sincerity to ask for God's help.

**Timothy 2:1-3** says that we are to pray, intercede and give thanks for kings and all people in authority. This is God's command to every believer today. Praying for godly leaders is productive toward God's plan and purpose for our nation. The Bible says the heart of a king is in the hand of the Lord. He can turn it however He wants, so your prayers are important. Here is a confession for you to use in prayer for our nation and its leaders. Pray it in faith, believing, and remember God watches over His Word to perform it (**Jeremiah 1:12**).

*Father, I bring the needs of our government before You and ask You to bless our nation through godly leaders. I magnify the Name of Jesus and declare that He is Lord over this nation.*

*Father, I pray according to **1 Timothy 2:1-3** which says, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour."*

*I pray, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, for our president, the vice president, all the Cabinet and the chief justice and associate justices of the Supreme Court to receive the wisdom of God, to act in obedience to that wisdom and for the power of God to flow in their lives.*

*I pray for the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to find Your peace and direction, and for these men and women to act and lead according to Your Word. A house divided against itself cannot stand, therefore, I pray for them to be unified in righteousness for the sake of the nation.*

*I pray for Your protection to cover all our law enforcement officers and the men and women of the military. I ask for godly counsel and wisdom for judges across this land. In the Name of Jesus, I pray that You and Your kingdom of righteousness be*

*manifested in the hearts of all those who are in authority in any way.*

*Father, Your Word says to pray for the peace of Jerusalem because those who love Jerusalem shall prosper. Lord Jesus, because You love Jerusalem and wept over it, I love it also. I pray for Jerusalem to receive the shalom of God, which brings wholeness—nothing missing, nothing broken. I pray that no leader of our nation will make any decision that will harm Jerusalem in any way. And in the Name of Jesus, I pray that You reveal Your perfect will to all the leaders of Israel. I ask You, Lord, to reveal Yourself to each person. Thank You, Father, for hearing my prayers that are in accordance to Your will. I receive the answers, in Jesus' Name. Amen.*

Vivat Jesus!  
Tim Kasprzyk  
Grand Knight 6724

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Classic



The Mother Seton Council Annual Charity Golf Classic was held at Bloomingdale Golfers Club on Saturday, September 15. A total of 68 golfers showed up for a beautiful day of golf and comradery and to support our Council's fundraiser.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and donors, we were able to offer seventeen raffle baskets containing a mixture of wine, liquor and various gift cards. Golfers also had the opportunity

to bid on five different auction items that ranged from a restaurant package valued at \$574.00 to a golf package valued at \$788.00. Please check out the list of sponsors and donors at the end of this newsletter. Support these sponsors and donors and be sure to thank them when you have the opportunity.

While there was a threat of hurricanes this year, we were fortunate that the hurricanes did not impact our tournament. It was hot and humid but no rain was in sight.



Thanks to all the volunteers that came out to help. Volunteers were Brother Knights, family members and members of the Nativity Women's Guild.



While the competition was stiff, the 1<sup>st</sup> place team came in at 61 and there was a tie for second place at 63. The tie was broken by the scores of the last nine holes.

After expenses, the profit from the Golf Classic came in at \$5255.43. This raises the bar for the 2019 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Classic.

## 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.

## Cemetery of the Innocents



Steve Mirabole, Will Glenn, Tim Kasprzyk, Noel Blanchet, Neil Waid and Ray Quiñones who took the photo.

Early on a Saturday morning, September 29, a group of Brother Knights 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.

## 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 and beat the crowd 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.

## Echo

Echo students are a gifted and diverse group of recent college graduates with a sincere desire to grow in knowledge, faith and service through personal, communal and professional formation. While living in community with others and working in their assigned parish or school, students live, learn from and serve the catechetical mission of the Church.

Echo partners with Catholic dioceses across the nation that are eager to assist in the formation of upcoming lay leaders. Partner dioceses provide the best resources for professional development in catechetical ministry, one-to-one mentorship, human and financial resources, theological reflection, and housing for Echo communities.

In the past few years, Nativity Catholic Church has been fortunate to have an Echo Apprentice

assigned to our parish. The Diocese of St. Petersburg has a total of 3 apprentices and is housing them in the old convent at Most Holy Redeemer, Tampa.

Father Tapp sent out a request to the men's organizations of our parish to help clear the brush from the back yard/pool area of the Echo house. The Knights of Columbus answered the call and made short work of the project.



Thanks to Don Cseh, Neil Waid, Tim Kasprzyk, Mike Scott and Bill O'Keefe not pictured. Father Tapp and the Echo Apprentices sent notes of thank you for the work that was done.

## Venerable Father McGivney

### Protector of Christian Family Life

Sent to serve the young of his flock, Father McGivney in turn "sent" the young men under his guidance and direction into the world to become good husbands and fathers, true knights for God and country.

His work with the young was but a steppingstone to the formation of strong Catholic families. His dedication to the ideal of Christian manhood, expressed so clearly in the founding of the Knights of Columbus, was never allowed to obscure his ultimate goal of protecting the good of the entire family unit. Just a couple of years after the Order was established, he began to limit his involvement

in the Knights, so as to be available to his whole flock.

Though focused on the task at hand, he never lost sight of his ultimate purpose: to care for and strengthen Christian families.

In a sense, the founding of the Knights of Columbus was a means rather than an end; a means to strengthen husbands and fathers so that they could, in turn, strengthen their families in the faith and secure their material well-being.

Father McGivney also regarded politics as a means to build a better society and protect the Christian family life. An example of this regard can be seen below in an excerpt from one of Father McGivney's sermons, which was recorded by the *New Haven Observer* in 1884.

"My friends, the political campaign is rapidly drawing to a close and the time has come to decide which of the numerous presidential candidates shall receive your vote. In casting your ballots, you should look well to the responsibilities under which every citizen of this free government is placed. Let not the soft or alluring words of tricky politicians, or the seductive dollar turn you a hair's breadth from your lawful path. Vote not as other men dictate, but rather like men with the interest of your country at heart. Vote according to the dictates of your own consciences."

### Insurance Corner



The Knights of Columbus has been recognized by the Ethisphere® Institute, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices, as one of the 2018 World's Most Ethical Companies®.

The Knights of Columbus has won the distinction for five consecutive years and is one of only three companies in the life insurance category, underscoring the Knights' commitment to leading ethical business standards and practices.

"We are grateful for this honor because it recognizes that our commitment to corporate ethics and integrity is part of our founding mission and continues to be our highest priority," said Knights of Columbus CEO Carl Anderson. "Based on Catholic values, this commitment extends to every aspect of our work, our corporate governance, our professional agency force, our investments, and our day-to-day business operations."

The needs of widows and orphans led Father Michael J. McGivney to respond in 1882 by founding the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal benefit society that has grown into a worldwide financial and charitable organization.

The 135 honorees for 2018 span 23 countries and 57 industries. The honorees had record levels of involvement with their stakeholders and communities around the world. Measuring and improving culture; leading authentically; and committing to transparency, diversity and inclusion were all priorities for honorees.

"While the discourse around the world changed profoundly in 2017, a stronger voice emerged. Global corporations operating with a common rule of law are now society's strongest force to improve the human condition," said Ethisphere® CEO Timothy Erblich. "This year we saw companies increasingly finding their voice. The World's Most Ethical Companies® continued to show exemplary leadership. I congratulate everyone at the Knights of Columbus for being recognized as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies."

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:

Jay McCabe - chemo

SK Richard Hardesty – health

Bob Dunn

Maryann Clark

Barbara Babiarz

Ed Hansen – Repose of his soul

Tom Schultz

Nancy Kasprzyk

Rosato family

Vincent Ferraro

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

Recorder: Andrew Balser

Chaplain: Father John Tapp

Warden: Neil Waid

Inside Guard: Frank Orsillo, Louis Rodriguez

Outside Guard: Steve Mirabole

Advocate: Howard Baum

1-year Trustee: Richard Spinelli

2-year Trustee: Jay McCabe

3-year Trustee: Bill Queenan

Lecturer: Vinnie Urso

## **Upcoming Events**

October 1 - Council Business Meeting, 7:30pm  
Adult Ed Bldg.

October 6 – Miller Road Clean-up, 8:00am

October 7 – Coffee and Donut Duty

October 13 – Bikes, Cars & Crafts, Nativity  
Women's Guild

October 13 – District Soccer Challenge Finals,  
2:00pm

October 14 – Nativity Blood Drive, 8:00am-  
12:30pm

October 24 - Officers & Directors Meeting, 7:00pm  
Adult Ed Bldg.

October 25 – Trunk or Treat, Parish Social Hall and  
parking lot, 5:30-8:00pm

October 27 – Family Faith Fest, Al Lopez Park

November 14-18 - Novemberfest

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## Hole Sponsors

- Eagle Package - \$500
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- Birdie Package - \$250
  - Nativity Outreach Food Bank
- Par Package - \$100
  - Century 21 Beggins Enterprises
  - Coastal Car Brokers
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  - Raleigh & Associates, Inc.
  - Resurrection Council 15675
  - Stephen Curcio Family
  - Tim & Nancy Kasprzyk

## Donors

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- Dairy Queen
- Detail Plus
- Drake Pelham Consulting
- Einstein Bagels
- Florida Golf Trail
- Gifts of Faith
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