



# Knight News

## Mother Seton Council 6724



September 2016

Nativity Catholic Church

### Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

September is upon us and our "summer vacation" is coming to an end. It is time to get our council back into full swing. September will be a busy month and the Officers and I will be looking for Knights to step forward into a variety of roles and projects. We are currently working on the Soccer Challenge, which should be held in September, a recruiting Blitz at the Ministry Fair and preparing for October which will include 40 days for life and Trunk or Treat. After traveling around campus for a good part of the summer, we are expected to be able to take up our permanent residency back into the Adult Education Building around mid-month.

The retention committee has been hard at work reaching out to our members who are behind on dues. One thing to keep in mind if you are contacted by the retention committee either by email or phone: these are your Brothers. Brothers who wish to keep you active in the Knights. This year has been particularly painful in regard to dues collection. At last report, after almost 2 months into the fraternal year, more than half of the dues were past due. With so many Brothers in arrears, it makes it very difficult for the Council to plan and budget its upcoming year. Please keep in mind that Supreme and the State charge the Council for every member on the books, whether they pay dues or not. This "tax" amounts to approximately \$15 (or almost half of the yearly dues charged). If you are struggling with paying dues, please contact one of the officers and we can work something out. Or on the other hand, if you can afford to

donate to help with a struggling Brother, please feel free to do that as well. All Payments can be taken by PayPal on the website. If you are donating extra, just mark in the notation to seller box: Donation for a struggling Brother.

One thing we all need to keep in mind is that we joined the Knights of Columbus for one main reason. That was to help our church, our community, families and our Brothers. The Church often asks its parishioners to donate their time, talent and treasure. At the Knights we ask only the same thing. While some Knights can donate all three, some can only do one. The important part is making the donation. Make the sacrifice. Get involved in the projects, or stay involved. Pay your dues and financially support drives or projects when you can. If you have a talent that is needed, step forward, whether that is as a leader, a technical specialist, or a worker. Everyone can contribute.

I received a letter from a Knight that wished to leave the order. In the letter he stated that he was leaving the Knights because "the Knights have nothing to offer me". I am reminded of President Kennedy's inaugural address "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." No one joins the Knights because what the Knights do for them on the level this gentleman was looking. Sure, it gives you an opportunity to get great insurance and protect your family. It gives you the opportunity to do good for your church, community, family and Brothers. But the true question you should ask is not what the Knights of Columbus can do for you, but what you can do for the Knights of Columbus.

For doing for the Knights of Columbus will not only be personally fulfilling and rewarding, but rewarding for your church, your family and your community.

God Bless,  
Chris McManus  
Grand Knight 6724

## Nativity Ministry Fair

The Ministry Fair will be held Sunday, September 18 in the Social Hall after all Sunday masses. This is 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. Please join us to spread the word and be sure to wear your Knights of Columbus shirt. The more new members we can recruit, the more good things we can do as a Council.

## Annual Dues Assessment



Annual Council dues were due July 1. Dues remain at \$30 for the year with voluntary donations for Vocations at \$5 and Culture of Life at \$3. Dues can be mailed in by check (see

your bill) or paid online with PayPal. PayPal includes a \$1.00 convenience fee.

## 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.



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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

### Joyful Celebrant



Mosaic in the chapel at the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council office in New Haven, Conn.

Father McGivney was not one to stint when it came to celebrating. Whether preparing for the great feasts of the liturgical year or civic and religious holidays, Father McGivney was energetic and creative, working behind the scenes so that such events would bear spiritual fruit and provide good wholesome fun.



Father McGivney often served as master of ceremonies for liturgical celebrations throughout the diocese, a role that required a sense of reverence and attention to detail. The beauty of the Easter decorations at St. Mary's Church was reported in the secular press, and the Holy Thursday repository was judged exquisite by many.

With an Irish name, and ministering to a largely Irish immigrant congregation, Father McGivney placed considerable emphasis on the annual celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Dramatic presentations and musical revues in the local rented hall required plenty of foresight in providing sets and costumes, or simply rehearsing the performers. Father McGivney was in the thick of all these activities.

St. Mary's annual fair was an event that ran several days, and Father McGivney was always concocting new ways to entertain the parishioners, especially the young men and women who were the special object of his priestly love and concern. On one occasion he went all the way to New York to get just the right costumes and props. Another time, at the parish picnic, he insisted that there should be enough hired horses so the young, who were anxious for a horse and buggy ride, would not have to wait too long in line.

McGivney carried this priestly love and concern with him wherever he went, touching the hearts of many along the way.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Sock Hop




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- Economic loss to the business when a key employee dies
  - Disposition of a business owner's interest upon death or other separation from the business
- If you've worked hard to establish a business, you owe it to yourself and your family to learn about the opportunities that the Knights of Columbus can offer.

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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

Linda Silver

Richard Hardesty

Leo & Diane Brubaker

Ed Slazak

Ed Koch

Herb Swoope

Maryanne Clark

Margaret Rodgers, mother of Dennis Rodgers

Our country – the USA

*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.*

## Officers

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## Upcoming Events

September 12 – Council Business Meeting 7:30pm

September 18 – Nativity Ministry Fair

September 21 – Assembly Meeting

September 28 – Officer's Meeting 7:00pm

October 8 – Sock Hop, Assembly 1850

November 16-20 - Novemberfest

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