



# Knight News

## Mother Seton Council 6724



September 2018

Nativity Catholic Church

### Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

We have had some very discouraging and heart-breaking news about some clergy that have used their positions for personal satisfaction at the expense of the victims. It is beyond my comprehension how these men of God could do what they did. In addition to the abuses, the handling of these predators is also in question.

From what I am reading, there currently seems to be turmoil in the Catholic Church. As Christians we are under attack not only from within but also in the world. There is no doubt in my mind that the devil is behind all of this and is bent on destroying us and the Church.

Just when I start feeling down I run across something that lifts my spirits and gives me direction. The first of these is a quote by a saint:

*"In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course." –St. Boniface*

As Knights of Columbus we have a duty to protect the Church and to continue to support the Church in this time of need. We are stronger than the evil around us because of our belief and love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The other item I ran across is the following:

*I will always be Catholic.  
Because no sin of man can change the truth.  
The truth that the Church is home.  
Home of the Apostles.  
Home of the Eucharist.  
Home of the Sacraments.  
My Home.  
And here I will stay to help clean up this house for Christ.*

Vivat Jesus!  
Tim Kasprzyk  
Grand Knight 6724

### Annual Charity Golf Classic

**It's crunch time!**

The Mother Seton Council Annual Charity Golf Classic will be held at Bloomingdale Golfers Club on Saturday, September 15 which is 2 weeks away.



We are still accepting donations from sponsors. Brothers Vinnie Urso and Ray Quiñones have a list of sponsors that contributed last year. Please let Vinnie 813-679-3509 or Ray 813-690-1557 know if you intend to solicit a sponsor again. We want to make sure that only one Council member approaches a sponsor for donations. We also welcome all new sponsors. Sponsor forms are available on our website.

We have more golfers registered this year than last year, but we would like to add more. We need everyone's help in this effort. If you know a golfer, invite them to play in our Golf Classic. Distribute registration material at work and be sure to encourage our sponsors to sign up a team.

We are looking for donations of wine and liquor. Contact Tim Kasprzyk at 813-917-6825 to make arrangements for a pick-up or drop-off. Last opportunity to donate will be at the Council Business meeting on Monday, September 10. Your donations help us to make up the great baskets for our raffle and/or auction and help generate money for our cause.

## **Welcome New Brothers!**

On Saturday, August 18 four Catholic men became Knights of Columbus by attending and completing the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification.



Please welcome our new Brothers to Mother Seton Council 6724: Mark Stafford, Roland Velez, Luis Trejo and Deacon Bob Harris. Let's continue to support our new Brothers as they advance in the Knights of Columbus and involve them in our Council's charitable works.

## **Ministry Fair**

Nativity Catholic Church will be holding its Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 19 after all Masses in the Social Hall. Mother Seton Council will be manning a table to talk to interested candidates.

Please help if you can and share your enthusiasm for the Knights of Columbus. Respond to the Evite or email you receive so that we know who will be participating.

## **Day of Spiritual Renewal**

Many Knights have expressed the desire for the opportunity to grow together spiritually with Knights from councils beyond their own and for new ways to proclaim the Good News.

On Saturday, October 20th there will be a Day of Spiritual Renewal at Bethany Center. The theme is entitled "Becoming a Christ Bearer" and will delve into the life of our namesake Christopher Columbus and how he attempted to accomplish that goal in his personal life.

The location will be at the Bethany Center in Lutz. The center is renowned for its beautiful natural setting, amenities and delicious food.

The program will include breakfast and lunch; the doors open at 8AM with dismissal at 3PM. The donation for the program will be \$35 per person.

Our Council has already committed to attending. If you are interested in attending, please let our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Stephen Curcio know.

Checks should be made out to Mother Seton Council with a notation that it is for this event. Our Council will then submit one check for the event.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rocktober Fest**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rocktober Fest Fundraiser for VAVS will take place on Saturday, September 29 from 7:00-10:00pm. This fundraiser is being sponsored by Bishop Charles McLaughlin Assembly 1850.



The meal will be a Traditional German Dinner for a cost of \$20 per person. The dinner will take place at the Chateau, 1903 East S.R. 60, Suite F, Valrico, Florida 33594.

Tickets will be available at our Council meeting on Monday, September 10. Contact Neil Waid if you are not able to make the meeting and would like to purchase tickets.

## Venerable Father McGivney

### First Years as a Priest

Almost every priest remembers his first assignment vividly; I am no exception. One's final year in the seminary and one's first year as a priest are vastly different. How true that must have been when Fr. McGivney arrived here at St. Mary's in 1878, where the pastor, Fr. Murphy, at the young age of 32, was seriously ill. He had built this beautiful church, but it was buried in debt and that took its toll on him. Within six months of ordination, Fr. McGivney was, in effect, serving here as pastor.

Stories survive about his ability to relate to young people; he was skilled as a catechist for younger children and made a deep impression on teenagers and young adults. Today everyone talks a lot about the importance of youth ministry. Fr. McGivney, as usual, didn't theorize. He simply did it and did it well.

While the texts of his sermons cannot be found, we know he was a good homilist. A blind man, a beggar, who was not a Catholic, used to come here to St. Mary's every Sunday to hear "that voice" – and by all accounts Fr. McGivney's was a soft-spoken voice with perfect diction. "That voice" filled this church with the living word of God. How humbled any preacher is to stand and preach where he stood and preached.

It even fell to Fr. McGivney as a young priest even to organize the parish picnic, which he did, replete with a baseball game and something for everyone, it seems. How many priests could have done what he did in his first years?

I like to think that Fr. McGivney's priesthood models the teaching of recent popes. St. John Paul II said that the priest's personality must be a bridge to Christ and indeed Fr. McGivney's unassuming, lighthearted, yet determined character attracted many to the Catholic faith and to St. Mary's Church.

When Pope Francis tells priests to acquire "the smell of the sheep" and "to bring the Gospel to the margins of society" – I think of Fr. McGivney. He loved the priesthood deeply and lived it for others, including widows, orphans, and outcasts. As Edward Downes said of Fr. McGivney, "he was a man of the people." And in this age when we speak so much about evangelization, Fr. McGivney went out into the community and brought many to this church, transforming it from the smallest parish in New Haven to one of the largest. Above all, this young priest "read the signs of the times" in seeing the need for a fraternal organization of men, led by the men themselves, that would strengthen their faith and provide for the financial security of their families.

*Excerpt from Homily of Supreme Chaplain  
Most Rev. William E. Lori Archbishop of Baltimore*

## Insurance Corner

### Retirement Annuity

#### What is it?

An annuity is a retirement savings product. You make contributions, and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity pays you a regular income stream.

### Who needs it?

There are few financial matters we give more thought and attention to than our retirement. Everyone thinks about it. Everyone needs it.

Retirement annuities help you ensure that you have enough money to live on in retirement.

But retirement income can be a difficult thing to calculate, especially with a changing landscape of federal and employee-provided benefits. With a properly structured retirement annuity from the Knights of Columbus, you can have retirement income that you *cannot* outlive, guaranteed.

Retirement annuities provide security and peace of mind that people of all ages and financial circumstances can benefit from.

### How does it work?

Knights of Columbus retirement annuities come with many different payment and plan types (see below) which determine the nature of the annuity.

Once established, the money within a Knights of Columbus annuity continues to earn value, before eventually disbursing according to the options that you elect.

Knights of Columbus annuities also come with two important guarantees.

First, with a Knights of Columbus annuity, your principal is guaranteed. Regardless of market condition or company results, your Knights of Columbus annuity will not lose value.

Second, each Knights of Columbus annuity comes with a guaranteed minimum interest rate. No matter the market fluctuations, your annuity is guaranteed to never earn less than the contractually stated amount on an annual basis.

### What options do I have?

#### *Payment Type*

There are three payment types for Knights of Columbus annuities:

Single Premium Annuity – You make a single, lump-sum payment that accrues interest until you elect to begin withdrawals.

Flexible Premium Annuity – Premium payments can be made on a regular or irregular basis. We encourage Electronic Transfer of Funds (EFT) with the frequency of payments determined by you. In addition, you have the option to choose your payment schedule.

Single Premium Immediate Annuity – Purchased with a single payment, it begins to pay out immediately.

#### *Plan Types*

Knights of Columbus annuities have three available plans:

Non-Qualified Annuity

Traditional Individual Retirement Annuity

Roth Individual Retirement Annuity

The Knights of Columbus also offers Tax Sheltered Annuities (TSA) and Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) options.

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

Marty Condon – heal

Jonny Tallient

Maryann Clark

Barbara Babiarz

Taylor Fisk  
Marie Lawson  
Ronald Lambert  
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**

September 9 – Ministry Fair  
September 10 - Council Business Meeting, 7:30pm  
Adult Ed Bldg.  
September 15 – Annual Charity Golf Classic,  
Bloomingdale Golfers Club  
September 26 - Officers & Directors Meeting,  
7:00pm Adult Ed Bldg.  
September 29 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rocktober Fest  
Fundraiser for VAVS  
October 6 – Miller Road Clean-up  
October 7 – Coffee and Donut Duty  
October 13 – Bikes, Cars & Crafts, Nativity  
Women’s Guild  
October 27 – Family Faith Fest, Al Lopez Park