



U-Knighted News

Blessed Sacrament Seminole Council
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Special Dates:

Wednesday, June 10th

Officers Meeting 7:00pm

Sunday, June 14th

Corpus Christi Sunday

Flag Day

Monday, June 15th

Business Meeting 7:00pm

Friday, June 19th

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, June 20th

Immaculate Heart of Mary

1st Day of Summer

Sunday, June 21st

Father's Day



Grand Knight's Message:

Greeting Brothers,

It has been a long time since we have met in person. The ZOOM Meetings went well (except for the timing issue) and some business was taken care of. Hopefully those days have ended **forever**. On **Monday, June 15th**, we will be meeting in the parish center as we have in the past. Please note that there are certain criteria for this to happen. We will be expected to use the *hand sanitizers* as we enter the building, social distance as we are seated and **face masks are required**. After the meeting we are to sanitize the tables and chairs.

Since the question has been asked, at this time we cannot hold any Pancake Breakfasts. Hopefully that will end soon.

I "attended" the virtual Florida State Convention on Saturday, May 23rd. It was extremely scaled down (to say the least), but informative. Kudos to the State Officers for putting it together, I'm sure it was not an easy thing to do. Just a few things that were mentioned; the Order has reached 2 million members worldwide. However, our state is lagging in membership. Even though that is, the Florida Knights donated \$7.3 million to charity and brothers worked 3.2 million man-hours. More info will be presented at the meeting. Supreme has an initiative to get new men to join our ranks and to help with the "No Neighbor Left Behind" Initiative. For every new Knight taking their degrees from now until June 30th, 100% of their \$30 dues will go to the program and Supreme will match it.

At our meeting, we will be electing the officers who will serve for the next year. I want to emphasize that we **need everyone's input** throughout the year. **Everyone's** opinion and ideas are important for us to move forward. Please don't think that it is up to the officers to put plans into action, we are all members of the same council, so feel free to express your notions. **Get involved!**

I appreciate all that you have done over this past year and I look forward to working with you in the "not too distant" future.

---Mike P.

Birthdays:

<i>Darren Desautels</i>	6/6
<i>Eric Paolino</i>	6/6
<i>Edward Raecek</i>	6/14
<i>James Merada</i>	6/16
<i>Fernando Galang</i>	6/19
<i>Steven Babb</i>	6/29

Knighthood Anniversaries:

<i>Terry Loudermilk</i>	6/12/2018
<i>Antonio Sclafani</i>	6/10/2019



*“Do not neglect to show
hospitality to strangers, for
thereby some have entertained
angels unawares”*

---Hebrews 13:2

Chaplain's Inspiration:

Pope Francis approved of the first miracle attributed to Father McGivney on May 27, 2020. This action by our Holy Father means that we can refer to our founder as “**Blessed**” **Michael McGivney**”. This step is just prior to sainthood. One more miracle will be required for his canonization as a saint.

The miracle recognized as coming through Father McGivney's intercession involved an unborn child in the United States. In 2015, this child was healed in-utero of a life-threatening condition after prayers by his family to Father McGivney.

Father McGivney spent his entire priesthood in parish ministry and died of pneumonia on August 14, 1890— two days after his 38th birthday – after falling ill amid a pandemic. Recent scientific evidence indicates that that pandemic – like the current one – may have been caused by a **coronavirus**.

A date will soon be set for the beatification Mass, which will take place in Connecticut. It will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title “Blessed” on Father McGivney.

Earlier this year, in an address to the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors, Pope Francis said the organization has been faithful “to the vision of your founder, Venerable Michael McGivney, who was inspired by the principles of Christian charity and fraternity to assist those most in need.”

My good brother Knights, as your chaplain, I could not be **prouder** of the many ways you have brought the vision of our founder to reality. You are touching the lives of so many of our parishioners and beyond. The greatest mark of our brotherhood is **charity**. You are exemplars and witnesses to the beautiful spirit of Blessed McGivney. I am honored to be a part of your order here at Blessed Sacrament Parish. May all the men of our parish reap the benefits of your good hearts.

Father Rick Pilger, I.C.



Election of Officers:

At this upcoming meeting we will be electing the Officers for the next Columbian year that will start July 1st. In the May newsletter, the proposed slate was published. Just in case you missed it, here it is again:

Grand Knight-----Michael Popovich
Deputy Grand Knight-----Anthony Romano
Chancellor-----Emmette "Skip" Wallace
Warden-----David Hendricks
Recorder-----Terry Loudermilk II
Treasurer-----Tony Manatine
Advocate-----Keith Smith
Inside Guard-----Geatano Critelli
Outside Guard-----Roger Kenneally
Lecturer-----Richard Dunn
3 Year Trustee-----Chris Lacata
2 Year Trustee-----Frank DeLusso
1 Year Trustee-----Tom Marrah

In accordance with the rules of elections, any Knight in good standing may run for office from the floor. If you have a desire to serve as an officer you must be nominated by another brother for a named position and have it seconded. Then you will be able to run for that position. The offices that are not up for election are: the Financial Secretary, Lecturer, and Chaplain as they are appointed positions.

Insurance Agent's Report:

Brothers all,

The world is slowly beginning its return to the way things were - at least as much as it can. It'll likely be months before we know what normal looks like now. You've probably heard the saying attributed to an unsavory (to say the least!) historical figure that "there are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happen." It certainly feels that way now. We have crammed decades of changes into these last several weeks, and it's hard to know what change is permanent, and what changes will prove temporary. Not everything is fluid though. I am struck by the resilience of the permanent things - our faith, our fraternity and our families. I'm sure you've seen the tremendous ways in which the Knights of Columbus in particular has proven itself equal yet again to this current challenge. Whether it was the establishment of the Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative, or the launch of the Diocesan Loan Fund, or just the every-day, every-city response of councils across the globe, we have responded

as we always do: swiftly and powerfully. Sure we've had to cancel some things. We've had to have some virtual meetings. We've had to stay a safe distance apart, but our distance hasn't diminished our unity, nor has it changed our

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impact. I continue to be proud to be a part of this great organization - especially in moments like this, and I know you are too. That's why, for me, being financially committed to the Knights is such a point of pride. We all *need* life insurance. We all *need* to plan for retirement. We all *need* to think about and prepare for life's what-ifs. But, when it comes time to decide who to make those preparations with, and who to choose to buy those products from, we can choose to spend our money with the company who establishes a multi-million dollar loan funds for Catholic dioceses in their most desperate time of need, or we can go another route. We can choose to buy our insurance from a company who *leaves no neighbor behind*, or a company who has no real concept of who their neighbor is. We can prepare for our retirement with a company whose members are - once again - setting an example of **true Christian charity** for all to follow, or we can go in a different direction. I would challenge you, whether you've never inquired or it's been a long time - to take a fresh look at the Knights of Columbus as a trusted financial partner, and see what products and services we may have that might help you and your family. As we all start to get back to things, I can meet with you in person or by video, whichever you prefer, and we can have stress-free, no-commitment conversation about the possibilities. It's a way to further your commitment to all that we stand for, and - at the same time - obtain some much needed peace of mind in times like these. I hope we'll chat soon.

Prayer Intentions:

For all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, whether physically, emotionally, financially, or spiritually, that Mother Mary will take them under Her Mantle and heal their needs.

For the health care workers, first responders, service occupations and all those who keep this country running amid risk to their health

For our police, fire, armed forces and EMT's, that the Good Lord will protect them

For Fernando's dad, that he may grow stronger in health

For our country, that the violent behavior subsides and peaceful attitudes overcome.

For those who do not have anyone to pray for them and for those who have been forgotten.





Procession:

Brothers, we have been invited to join in a procession through the neighborhood of Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, June 14th (the Feast of Corpus Christi). This will start after the 12:00 noon Mass just outside the church. Any brother that has the time to be a part of this festive event should wear his Green Shirt. It would be wonderful to see us out 'enforce'. This is again, another opportunity for us to be 'visible' to our Parish (since we are still the "new kids on the block"). Please make every effort to join us. I am told that it would not take more that 15-20 minutes.



And in conclusion:

I **thank you** for all your support, work, time, ideas, comments and most of all your fraternity. We have done quite a bit in our first year and you should be **proud** of what we have accomplished and the people we have helped. None of this could have been done without you. I am **humbled** to be associated with such men. May God bless each and every one of you.

Mike P.

Some Catholic Terminology:

Holy Water—A Liquid whose chemical formula is H₂O

Incense---Holy Smoke

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