



**KNIGHTS**  
**OF COLUMBUS**  
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# U-Knighted News

Blessed Sacrament Seminole  
Council #17162

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## Special Dates:

*Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>*

*St. Joseph the Worker*

*Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*Doughnut Sunday*

*Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>*

*National Day of Prayer*

*Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>*

*Blessed Sacrament Golf Outing*

*Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Mother's Day*

*Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Officer's Meeting 7:00pm Center*

*Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>*

*The Ascension of Our Lord*

*Monday, May, 17<sup>th</sup>*

*Council Meeting 7:00 pm Center*

*Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*Pentecost Sunday*

*Friday & Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>*

*Florida K of C State Convention*

## Grand Knight's Message:

Greetings Brothers,

Our Council certainly has been busy this past month and May is no exception. On Saturday, April, 17<sup>th</sup> we were asked to help out at the Patrick Madrid Seminars that took place in our church. Kudos go out to Keith Smith, Mike Meere, Mariouz Swol, Tom Marrah and Chuck Warich for answering the call. Thank you!

Our Doughnut Sunday went very well (more about that later), and of course, the ongoing drive for the Golf Outing is proceeding nicely there (more about that later also).

The Columbian Year is quickly coming to a close. The Nomination Committee has posted the "proposed" Slate of Officers. This *does not close* nominations for any office. It is only a list of men who have expressed interest to run for those positions. It **does not guarantee** the position until the election takes place (once again, more info later in the newsletter).

This month brings the Golf Outing. We hope that the weather holds out for that day (prayers to St. Medard, the patron against bad weather would be helpful) and we can help out our Parish School with the proceeds since 2 of their biggest fund raisers were cancelled because of the Covid Pandemic.

Let's keep in mind all of our Mothers on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Our prayers go out to them.

The State Convention is at the end of the month. I will be representing our council, virtually. All pertinent information will be given to the council at the June meeting.

Please try to make an effort to attend the meetings. The Officers depend on hearing your ideas and value your contributions. This council belongs to **ALL** of us. We *need all of you* to make it work properly.

---Mike

*Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>*

*Trinity Sunday*

*Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>*

*Memorial Day*



### Prayer for Our Country:

*Almighty God. You have given us this good land for our heritage. We humbly ask You that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Your favor and glad to do Your will. Bless our land with honorable endeavor, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitude brought here out of many nations and tongues. Endow with the Spirit of wisdom those to whom in Your name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Your law we may show forth Your praise among the nations on earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble do not allow our trust in You to fail. Amen.*

*--Thomas Jefferson*

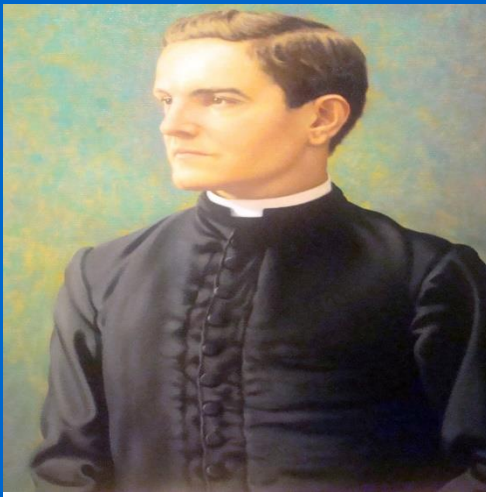
### Chaplain's Inspiration:

**Blessed Michael McGivney  
Article for Knights of Columbus Newsletter Blessed  
Sacrament Church, Seminole  
Our Founders Family of Faith**

*Pray, my brothers, for the domestic church, the church of the home, the seedbed of love and vocation.*

*Virtue: openness to God's will.*

Although they lived a century before St. John Paul II, Patrick and Mary McGivney embodied the late pope's message on the domestic church: "Family, become what you are" (*Familiaris Consortio*, 17). Formed and blessed by God, the family is the place where parents are privileged to bring forth children and serve as the first examples of human love, Unity and fraternity, amid daily joys, sacrifices and suffering. The McGivney family knew the grace of cooperating with God's will, bringing 13 children into the world, as well as the grief that came when 6 of those children died as infants. Patrick and Mary had left Ireland's potato famine for America and were





married in Waterbury, Connecticut. Their first child, Michael Joseph, was born August 12, 1852, and baptized a week later. He took on family responsibility early, watching over his younger siblings, earning honors in school, graduating at age 13, and then joining his father in factory work. Though not rich in material goods, the life of this family abounded in grace, and Michael learned discipline, compassion, and rough-and-tumble fraternity charity that comes naturally in a large family. The McGivney's also received from God the great gift of vocations, as Michael's younger brothers, Patrick and John, joined him in the priesthood.

Petitions: please pray my brothers,

For a deeper appreciation of the importance of family life, that our domestic church may serve as a model of faith, hope and charity. *Grant our prayer, Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney.*

For holy marriages founded on God's love, that husbands and wives may have the grace so genuine Wesley accept the gift of new life. *Grant our prayer, Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney.*

God bless you.

Father Rick

### Insurance Agent's Report:

NEVER INVEST IN AN ANNUITY!! You've no doubt seen this kind of headline in the financial pages or you've seen pop-up ads on your computer or you've heard some friend repeat what he's heard from his buddy's uncle. Are they serious?

Let's start with the basics: An annuity is a tax-favored savings instrument. The government gives it special tax treatment because it's designed for retirement income. An annuity can be qualified or in other words, funded with money that you have not yet paid taxes on, like an IRA or an RRSP in Canada. Or non-qualified, that is, funded with money you've already paid the tax on. Like money you take from your paycheck or out of your savings account. Either way, the tax on the growth in your Knights of Columbus annuity each year is deferred...you pay no current tax on it and pay only when you withdraw money. I'll tell you that I think an annuity is a is a great product in the right situation. Especially a Knights of Columbus







Birthdays:

<i>Mark DeSio</i>	<i>5/1</i>
<i>Richardo Marrero</i>	<i>5/5</i>
<i>Ken Zangara</i>	<i>5/11</i>
<i>Mariusz Swol</i>	<i>5/18</i>
<i>Francis Bulino</i>	<i>5/23</i>
<i>John Lizak</i>	<i>5/23</i>
<i>Nick Pandelos</i>	<i>5/27</i>
<i>Charles Warich</i>	<i>5/29</i>

Knighthood Anniversaries:

<i>Gaetano Critelli</i>	<i>5/1/1975</i>
<i>James Merada</i>	<i>5/1/1982</i>
<i>John Urban</i>	<i>5/10/2008</i>
<i>Charles Warich</i>	<i>5/15/2014</i>
<i>Steven Babb</i>	<i>5/14/2019</i>

annuity. In addition to tax deferred growth, here are a few more reasons why I think that way:

1. Your minimum interest rate is guaranteed...for life! There is a floor that the interest rate will never drop below. The good news is that we've always paid a higher current interest rate than the guarantee. This feature means nobody has ever lost a dime in a Knights of Columbus annuity...and never will!
2. Your principal is guaranteed by the Knights. Now that kind of guarantee is only as good as the company backing it...and we've had 40+ years of Superior ratings from A. M. Best for financial strength. (As of January 2019, rated A+ Superior by A. M. Best)
3. You are charged no administrative fees each year...100% of your money goes to work for you earning interest from day one.
4. Even though annuities are designed for long-term growth, after one year you can access 10% of the value without any K of C penalty.
5. Owners of annuities name a beneficiary; this means that at death, the proceeds bypass probate. This saves time and usually money, too.
6. You can enjoy an income that you (and if you wish, your wife) can never outlive!

But let's be fair; an annuity is not the answer every time. It's not a short-term product. It's not designed to be a "put and take" account where you stick some money in and then take it out a short time later. There is a reducing early withdrawal penalty over the first seven years if you take out more than the 10% free withdrawal. That feature, in all annuities, not just the K of C, is to encourage people to leave the money alone until retirement age.

So, although there are situations where an annuity is not the proper product, there are many where it is...And we haven't even talked about triple compounding, protection from creditors and other features.

How do you know if an annuity is right for you? Meet with me and let's look at your goals. It might be the perfect fit.


Where do you keep your safe money?

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ”

---Galations 6:2



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### Slate of Officers:

As per our by-laws, we have to post the proposed Slate of Officers for the upcoming Columbian Year, in addition to announcing it at 2 meetings. The 1<sup>st</sup> announcement was done at the April meeting. The election will take place at the June meeting and nominations can be made from the floor at that time for **ANY** position, regardless of the slate. The Nomination Committee’s proposed Slate is as follows:

Grand Knight-----open

Deputy Grand Knight-----open

Chancellor-----Emmette “Skip” Wallis

Recorder-----Terry Loudermilk

Treasurer-----Ed Raecek

Warden-----David Hendricks

Advocate-----Keith Smith

Inside Guard-----Gaetano Critelli

Outside Guard-----Ken Zangara

One Year Trustee-----Chris Licata

Two Year Trustee-----Tom Marrah

Three Year Trustee-----open



## Golf Tournament:

Our Golf Outing is Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. As of April 28<sup>th</sup>, we had 132 golfers registered, paid and ready to 'tee off'. We had to close registration. For the 1<sup>st</sup> time we that we are holding this event, that number is incredible!!!

We will need workers; (1) on the day before (Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>) to transport raffle prizes from the school to a room at the golf course (2) to sell raffle tickets and (3) to spot for the Putting Contest (among other duties). Please make every effort to be able to assist us on May 7<sup>th</sup> and/or 8<sup>th</sup>. We will start setting up at the golf course at 9:30 on that Saturday.

If you can give a hand, please get in touch with me by Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

## Fundraising:

On Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, our "Doughnut Sunday" brought in \$711. Unbelievable!!! My gratitude to Brothers: Mike Meere, Jim Merada, Keith Smith, and Chuck Warich who helped throughout the morning. **Thank you, gentlemen!!** The proceeds paid for Fr. Gordon's new vestments.

Our next Doughnut Sunday will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please come on out and lend a hand after your Mass, it's the 'yeast' you can do for your Council.

Something to think about: Football season is approaching. In the past we have run the Football Ticket Fundraiser through Charity Mania. We have the opportunity to partake in that event again if you so desire. Remember that each ticket costs \$20, but the council gets to keep \$14 of it, and there are multiple winners each week (I think 17 winners in all). This is singularly the biggest money maker we have had as a "one shot deal". Please keep in mind that you can win multiple times and this year there are 17 weeks of football not 16, so an extra week to win.



## Prayer Intentions:

Brothers, if there is a time that you become aware of a brother that needs assistance or is called back to the Lord, please inform me so that we can take the proper course of action. We can't help if we don't know.





*What do fat demons hate the most?  
"Exorcise"*

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We pray for:

India and those countries dealing with massive Covid outbreaks

All those who gave their lives for our freedom

Our Armed Forces and their families

Our beloved Parish priests

The intentions of the parish

Brother John Lizak

Brother Jim Gray and his wife Eleanor

Brother Kevin Smith

Brother Emmette "Skip" Wallis and his family

DD Jorge Mercado and his family

The intentions of our Holy Father

The success of our golf outing

**And in conclusion:**

Gentlemen,

Thank you for all that you do for our council, church, parish, school and community. I hear good things about our council from an assortment of parishioners and how impressed they are with what we do. Nothing makes me prouder of this group then when I hear these compliments. I am truly humbled and inspired by you, what you have accomplished and what you continue to do. Many people have been touched by your efforts. This is what Fr. McGivney envisioned. This is what the apostles proclaimed and this is what Jesus, himself, commanded us to do.

God bless you all!

Vivat Jesus,

Mike P.

