



# U-Knighted News

Blessed Sacrament Seminole  
Council #17162

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## Special Dates:

*Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>*

*Doughnut Sunday*

*Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Officer's Meeting 7:00pm Center*

*Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Sacred Heart of Jesus*

*Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary*

*Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>*

*Flag Day*

*Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>*

*Father's Day*

*1<sup>st</sup> Day of Summer*

*Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>*

*Council Meeting 7:00 pm Center*

*Election of Officers*

## Grand Knight's Message:

Greetings Brothers,

The end of our Columbian Year closes on the 31st of this month. We have our elections on Monday, June 21st. Please make every effort to be there to choose the men that will lead our council for the next year. The show of support begins with the election.

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.

At the Council Meeting, held on May 16<sup>th</sup>, the following motions were passed:

Our council is presenting 4 awards to graduating students (checks for \$50 each). Graduation is Friday, May 28th.

We are donating \$500 to Pinellas Hope for their food kitchen. This will help feed the homeless and destitute families.

We are sponsoring a Seminarian, Zachary Brassure, from St. Paul's Parish in St. Petersburg. He is the only 'local' individual that is studying for the religious life. A \$500 check will be given to him.

---Mike

## 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:

*I will raise up shepherds over them and they will tend them: and they will not be afraid any longer, nor be terrified, nor will any be missing. (Jeremiah 23:4).*

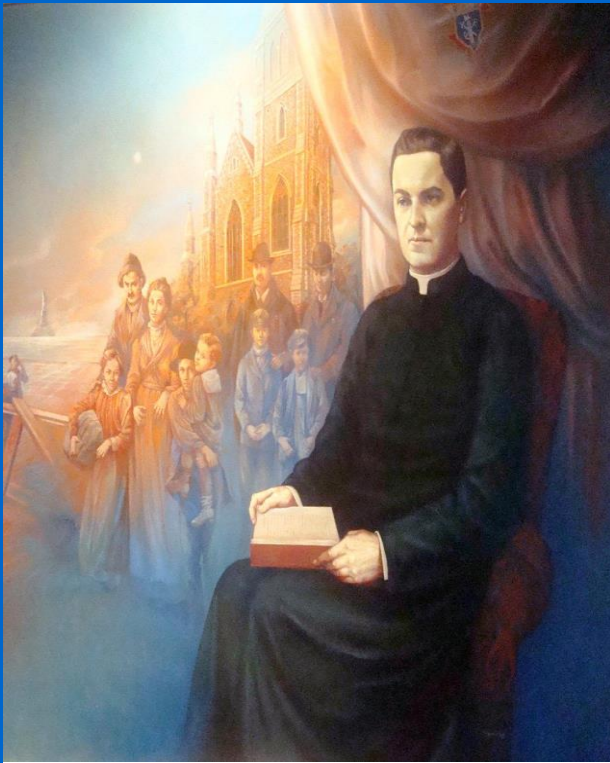
**Intention:** For vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

**Virtue:** Courage to respond to God's call.

Young Michael's desire to be "a man for others" was recognized by his pastor, who encouraged him to enter the seminary at age 16. Yet Michael's path to the priesthood was neither smooth nor direct. After gaining his father's permission to leave his work at Waterbury Factory, Michael traveled far, to Canada and upstate New York, to receive the proper education and spiritual formation.

After his father died, Michael would've been forced to stay home to support his family if not for a scholarship supplied by the Bishop of Hartford to continue studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. He was ordained December 22, 1877, in America's first Cathedral, and return to Waterbury to celebrate his first public Mass for Christmas, with his widowed mother and siblings attending.

Assigned to St. Mary's Church, the first Catholic parish in New Haven, he served a large, mostly immigrant population and worked without a single day off for more than a year, filling in for an ailing pastor. Father McGivney's experience shows that vocations are discerned and nurtured in a family, encouraged by spiritual advisors, supported by prayer, and tested by adversity. With this example in mind, let us beseech the





Lord and you “to send out workers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38).

**Petitions:**

for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, that many more men and women may respond to God’s call to serve with his people. Grant our prayer, Lord, through the intercession of blessed Michael McGivney.

For greater collaboration between clergy and laity, that Father McGivney’s example of helping laypeople to understand and live their vocation to holiness may serve as a model for the church today. Grant our prayer, Lord, through the intercession of blessed Michael McGivney.

From Blessed Michael McGivney Novena

*Dear Brother Knights,*

*I’m happy to share this novena with you as it encourages us to know and love our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. I pray you find it as inspiring as I do in your love and work with your brother Knights.*

*Finally, once again, I cannot say enough what the cooperation, the hard planning and work, and the tremendous witness all of you gave to everyone at the golf tournament. People are still talking about it. So far, 5 men have asked to join the Knights from that tournament. The Lake Seminole Golf Club has given the Knights of Columbus one of 2 spots for a golf tournament on Saturdays, because of the increase of members. All other tournaments will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays. Clay at the golf course told me, he never worked with the group that was so cooperative and willing to make changes with the club. I could not be more proud of you men. I was beaming from ear to ear when he was talking to me. Thank you, good gentlemen and fellow Knights. It is an honor to serve with you.*

*With God’s blessing on all of you and all our work for others,*

Father Rick  
Chaplain

*Birthdays:*

- Darren Desautels* 6/6/1980
- Eric Paolino* 6/6/1982
- Edward Ræceĳ* 6/14//1966
- James Merada* 6/16/1942
- Fernando Galang* 6/19/1938
- John McNelis* 6/22/1940
- Steven Babb* 6/29/1960

*Knighthood Anniversaries:*

- Roger Sheets* 6/22/2008
- Terry Loudermilk* 6/12/2018
- Antonio Sclafani* 6/10/2019

**Insurance Agent’s Report:**

Spring is here, we have a new season and after a blessed Easter and a beautiful Eastertide, it’s time to start planning again. With spring and some break in the weather, I’ve started to put together my honey-do list that will take me outside into the sunshine...at least I hope it’s going to be sunny when I get outdoors to do all these chores. I don’t know about you, but this time of year seems to energize



“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body, and be thankful”

---Colossians 3:15



me. After being cooped up all winter, and this year really being cooped up, I've been able to think of all the things I need to get done. Some of that includes physical repairs around the house, getting the lawn and flowerbeds ready to go, maybe even washing some windows. I've had some estimates for work I need done around the house. Every craftsman has told me their business is booming. So many people have noticed things that need to be done around the house since they've been inside for the better part of a year.

And as you sit around and consider all the things that you need to get updated, let me make a suggestion that may put your mind and your family's mind at ease. We know this year has been unpredictable in many ways, but let's be honest, pandemic or not, life is unpredictable. We can't see what the future will bring, but we can plan for the unexpected. Remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus I am your partner on your journey to prepare for and face the unpredictable.

Just as we take stock of the physical changes that need to be considered, I'd suggest that you take stock of where you stand protecting your family. The Knights of Columbus has partnered with industry leader Advicent to help us help you. I can use Advicent's state-of-the-art software to provide you with a comprehensive financial needs analysis. With it I can help you take stock of where you are today, where you want to go, and how close you are to achieving your goals. I can help you identify any gaps in your coverage or issues you should address. This will give you a comprehensive look at where you stand. While many other companies charge for this kind of service, the Order has invested in this software to help us agents help our members. This financial needs analysis is free of charge as a fraternal benefit of membership. I feel I have a special bond of brotherhood with all my members and I am committed to helping protect Catholic families...your family...while furthering the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney. Please take time to meet with me and take advantage of this free benefit of membership. Vivat Jesu!



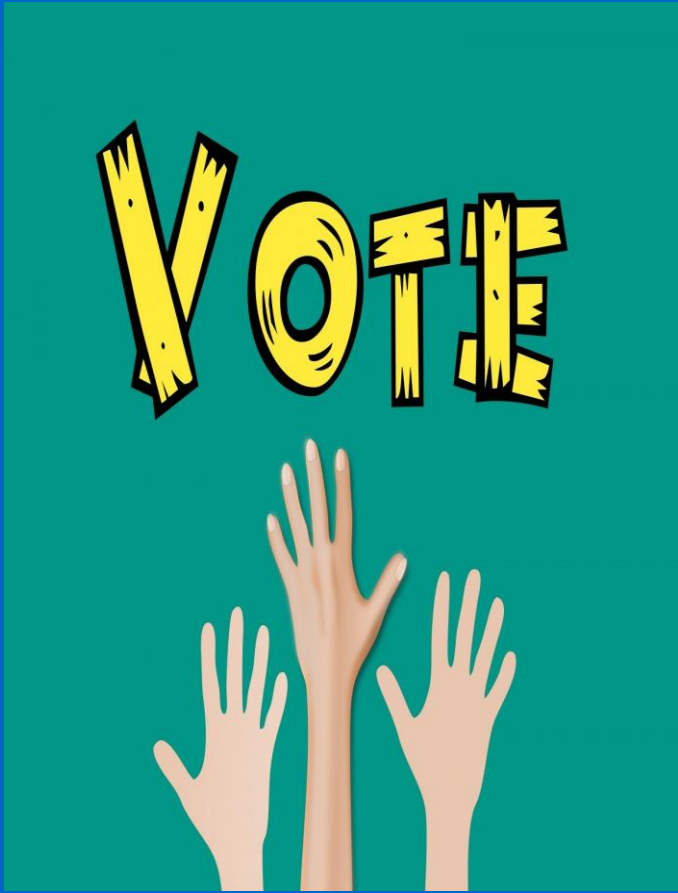
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**Slate of Officers:**

The Nomination Committee has completed the Slate of Officers for election on June 21<sup>st</sup>. It is as follows:

- Grand Knight-----Tony Romano
- Deputy Grand Knight-----Chuck Warich
- 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-----Mike Popovich

And again, nominations can be made from the floor at that meeting.

My sincerest thanks to the Nomination Committee; Nick DiVito, Roger Kenneally, and Francesco Franzese.



## Golf Tournament:

**WHAT A DAY!!!!** The call was put out for help with this event and, as usual, you gentlemen did not disappoint. We had a banner day all around; the help was abundant, the participation was excellent and the weather was extraordinary. I have not heard one negative thing about the tournament. **THANK YOU ALL** for being there and making this day one to remember for a long time to come. As of this writing, the numbers have not been entirely “crunched”. When the final tallies are calculated, I will pass them on to you.

Our thanks go out to the women of Blessed Sacrament Catholic School for their help and expertise in the raffle baskets, they did a magnificent job as well. Special KUDOS to Mrs. Becky Clark (School Principal) and Miss Courtney Gaul for all they did serving on the committee and being the catalysts for the school workers.

## Fundraising:

On Sunday, May 2nd, our “Doughnut Sunday” brought in \$686. Brent Sowars made announcements before each Mass praising the Knights and what we do. He mentioned that we were sponsoring the Golf Outing to raise proceeds for the school. The Council felt that the generosity of the donations amount was, in part, due to these announcements and at the May 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting decided to give \$500 towards the tally of the Outing. **Our thanks to Brent** for all his kind words and support.

Our next Doughnut Sunday will be on June 5th. 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, 18 in all (There are winners for the best ticket totals of the week and the worst). This is singularly the biggest money maker we have had as a “one shot deal”. Sample ticket is pictured on the left.

Please keep in mind that you can win multiple times and this year there are 17 weeks of football not 16, so an

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Week #9	Week #10	Week #11	Week #12
Detroit Pittsburgh Washington D.C.	Baltimore New York Jets San Francisco	Buffalo Chicago Tampa Bay	Detroit Chicago Miami
Week #13	Week #14	Week #15	Week #16
Indianapolis Philadelphia Pittsburgh	Cleveland Houston Jacksonville	Carolina Dallas Tennessee	Atlanta Green Bay Houston
Week #17			





*What do you call a religious tropical tree?*

*A Psalm Tree*

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extra week to win. We will decide whether or not to participate in this fundraiser or not at our Council Meeting.

### **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.

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

Brother John Lizak

Brother Frank DeLusso

Brother Nick DiVito

Brother Kevin Smith

Brother Emmette "Skip" Wallis and his family

The intentions of the Holy Father

The people of India

### **And in conclusion:**

Gentlemen,

This is the last newsletter that I will be sending you. These past 2 years have been incredible. I am honored to have been serving you as Grand Knight. This council has accomplished many things in such a short time and I know that your dedication, generosity and concern has been felt by many. Being a part of this whole endeavor has been a privilege.

I want to thank everyone of you for your support, prayers and friendship. I am truly a blessed man and give thanks to almighty God for granting me the opportunity to have met and worked with you men.

*"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you"*

*--Philippians 1:3*

God bless you all!

Vivat Jesus,  
Mike P.

