Council installs new Officers

July 18th Blessed Rosmini Council 14278 of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church had its installation of Officers ceremony and banquet. Our Worthy District Deputy Ed Sleyzak presided along with our Worthy District Warden John Berry. The austere occasion started with our council Chaplain and 4th degree knight Father Edison saying prayers and then, Ed greeted and introduced all the new officers and announced their duties for each officer, Father Edison blessed the jewels and Ed called each officer up to have his jewel bestowed to him by Ed or the knights wife that was there, and then we all took our oaths to carry out the duties of each position for the upcoming new year, at the end of the ceremony the new Grand Knight Dave Jervey made a short speech and then presented the past Grand Knight Jack Claypoole with a plaque, pin and ribbon in honor of his service to our council. Some of the knights wife’s and families were in attendance, then afterwards, there a banquet with food catered in from Mission barbeque, the brisket was delicious and so was the pulled pork and all the side dishes. Everyone was impressed with the food and everyone left full.

Council donates $500 To Villa la Paz

The council made its annual donation to the Villa la Paz Foundation in Peru to the Center for Destitute and Sick Children, Dr Tony sent a letter this week thanking the council for the $500 donation we made, sent a copy of their newsletter, this organization helps all kinds of desperate people in need we need to do everything we can to help them. Our Brother Chuck Mulhern is making the trip to Peru this week with Dr. Tony and some other volunteers and will be gone until the middle of August, We need to keep them in our prayers for a safe journey.
Knights Feed the Needy

Every Wednesday at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, the Deacon Jerry Dining Hall becomes a community hub as needy individuals and families flock in for a satisfying and delicious home cooked meal, the meal starts at 4:30pm but the preparation starts long before. The Knights of Blessed Antonio Rosmini Council 14278 cook and serve meals every other month. The chef in charge is Richard Brown, the council’s community director, he handles every aspect of preparing the meal including the menu, buying the supplies and cooking and cleaning. Richard has humbly done this for many years and is satisfied in knowing he is helping his fellow men and women who have fallen on hard times and have no other place to turn, many would not get a decent meal without the work of these dedicated Knights like Richard and the other knights and lay people that help put out this meal for the needy. This month the meal is on July 31, 2019, anyone on the council that wishes to help is more than welcome, if this is something that you would like to get involved in try to get there at 3pm, there is all kinds of things you can do, setup the hall, serve on the line, dishwasher, and help cook, Richard will find something for you to do and he appreciates any help he can get, the next Feed the Needy meal at St Francis will be October 02.2019 if you have any questions about how you can participate contact Richard Brown, at richard-brown36@frontier.com or 813.689.5629.

For Your Information

Father McGivney was born to Irish immigrant parents, Patrick and Mary (Lynch) McGivney. He was the eldest of 13 children, six of whom died in infancy or childhood. His father worked as a molder in a Waterbury, Connecticut, brass mill. Michael attended the local Waterbury district school but left at 13 to work in the spoon-making department of one of the brass mills. Source: Wikipedia

In honor of our Blessed Mother

On the last weekend of every month the knights of our council have the honor and privilege of saying our Blessed Mother’s holy rosary 30 minutes before each mass on the weekends. Come out and show your support for this and on the last weekend of the month when you attend mass wear your red shirts and if you wish to say the rosary all you need to do is be there and the arrangements will be made. We have several knights that attend each mass and we take turns saying the rosary, the rosary ministries staff is stretched thin so it is a welcome relief for our knights to help with saying the rosary.
Silver Rose comes to St. Francis

On July 1st in the afternoon riders of Knights on Bikes and other delgates rode from St.Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Seffner to Sacred Heart Church in Pinellas Park to escort the Silver Rose back to St.Francis, the following morning Tuesday July 2nd a Special Mass was said by Father Edison, several members of our council were there along with our district Deputy Ed Sleyzak. The Grand Knight Jack Claypoole presented the Rose to Father Edison and it was displayed in the sanctuary for veneration the rest of the day, a special thanks goes to Deputy Grand Knight Bob McElhatten for organizing the event at at our parish, the Knights on Bikes of St Francis escorted the Rose back to Pinellas, then Wednesday July 3rd, 2019, Brother Andy Milo from Knights on Bikes safely and honorably escorted the Silver Rose north into the hands of District Deputy 7, Vaughn Mikeworth at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Chiefland, hereby completing our assigned Escort responsibility for the Florida State Committee and Florida's Knights on Bikes.

Florida State Council Raffle Tickets $45,000 cash prizes!

We will be selling State Convention raffles tickets after all masses August 10th and 11th in the lobby single tickets $1.00 each or a book of 12 for $10.00. First prize is $25,000 2nd prize $10,000 3rd prize $5000 and 5 $1000 winners, please come out after masses on these days and sell tickets. You might be a Lucky Winner!!!

Father Michael J. McGivney’s Memorial Mass

On August 11th 2019 St.Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Seffner is having a memorial mass for Father Michael J. McGivney the founder of our order the Knights of Columbus, please come out in support bring your families, and wear your red shirts and commemorate a truly great man of faith and an inspiration to us all.
The **Knights of Columbus** is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded by Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882, it was named in honor of the explorer Christopher Columbus. Originally serving as a mutual benefit society to working-class and immigrant Catholics in the United States, it developed into a fraternal benefit society dedicated to providing charitable services, including war and disaster relief, actively defending Catholicism in various nations, and promoting Catholic education.[1][2][3] The Knights also support the Catholic Church's positions on public policy issues, including various political causes, and are participants in the new evangelization. The current Supreme Knight is Carl A. Anderson.

Saints Corner  
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Lecturer
In August, among the saints whom the Church recognizes includes two who were mother and son: St. Monica (August 27th) and St. Augustine (August 28th). They lived in the early 300s A.D., in North African town of Thagaste, in what today is Algeria – at that time part of the Roman Empire. Monica was the mild-mannered Christian wife of Patricius, who was older than her and also pagan. Monica bore two sons, the more famous of whom was Augustine. Augustine was encouraged in his worldly pursuits by his father, and as a young man became well-educated and also a highly skilled and famous orator. All the while, Augustine continued his pursuit of worldly pleasures. Monica incessantly prayed for the conversion of her husband and sons and saw Patricius’ conversion prior to his death. When Augustine set out for Milan, then the capital of the Empire, to seek his fortune, Monica followed. Monica’s prayers and the influence of Augustine’s mentor, Ambrose – then the Bishop of Milan and a future saint himself, played major roles in Augustine’s conversion. Augustine became a heroic Catholic. After his mother’s death in Milan, he returned to North Africa, eventually becoming a priest and then the Bishop of Hippo. He continually felt the pull of his sinful past and took to writing as a means to keep his mind on the Kingdom of God. He wrote numerous works on the Faith, and after his death was not only canonized a saint but named a Doctor of the Church. Their stories – and their intercession – provide hope that any of us can become holy, and that our prayers for the conversion of loved ones do not go unheard. If you want to read more about these and other saints, I highly recommend the book Saints for Sinners, by Alban Goodier, S.J. Saints Monica and Augustine – Pray for us!