

Knights in Action

Pope John XXIII Council #5441

Avon Park & Sebring, FL

April 2007

Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights,

I hope this Easter season is enjoyable for you and your family. My health has improved with all your prayers ... **thank you all very much!** I think I now see one of the things I've forgotten over the last few months ... that is to laugh at things and not to take each other too seriously. It's time to have more fun with each other when we gather as Brother Knights.



Talking things over with various chairmen and board members about an event or action taken, may get the action you wish for, or give you some insight as to the reason an action was taken. Any member that has concerns as to the direction of the council, wants to propose activities, or in general wants to be heard by the leadership of the council, is invited to attend the Directors Meeting on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Almost all items brought up in the business meeting have been reviewed with the Board prior to the business meeting. Discussing and developing a plan of action helps me to organize our monthly business meeting.

Jim Hollywood, a CMBA board member has offered to open our lounge on Friday nights for our members and their guests beginning on April 13th. We will also have some light food available from our snack bar, much like we do on Wednesday night. We will charge member prices like \$1.50 beer, \$1.75 wine, 75 cents

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A TIME FOR ACTION

Andy Mish, CMBA

Pope John XXIII Council is at a cross-roads. *Now is the time to take definitive action!* As you've read in previous articles, we've had to turn down rentals because no one was available to represent the council during the rental. As everyone knows, almost all of our charitable money is raised from our Bingo operation. We've been asked by many of our players to pick up the Friday night Bingo again but we can't get enough members or Columbiettes to make it work. We continue to beg, borrow and steal to get Bingo workers for our Wednesday nights. *These are only a few examples ... more exist!*

No function can operate without manpower! As it stands now, I believe that our council is on its last legs! Draw your own conclusions gentlemen - do we continue to exist in our current status, or do we take active steps to grow our organization. If we choose the former the council will dwindle and sooner or later close; if we choose the later it will take your active participation.

We are in the process of looking to sell part of our property and build a new hall. Do we move forward, or shut the whole thing down and talk to our two parishes about holding our meetings there? ***Come to the April 10th CMBA meeting as these important issues will be discussed.*** We will also elect CMBA Trustees and discuss the future of ***our council.***

Deacon's Corner

Preparing for Easter Sunday

Dear Brothers;

I thought it would be a good idea to bring out a few thoughts on the Gospel of "Luke" for Palm Sunday. The following are some Scripture Insights that we could look at and think about, preparing us for the Easter celebration.



In the Gospel, St Peter says, "Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you." Doubtlessly, St. Peter, meant this. But in a few hours, he had fled the scene of Jesus' arrest

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Join Us

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Teen Summit to be Hosted by Pope John XXIII Council

Ed Cronin, Pro Life Chairman

The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Alliance of the Highlands County Health Department has offered our Council the opportunity to host the 2007 Teen Summit. Grand Knight Don Schnoor has graciously given permission to host the program at our hall.

This program is directed toward 8th grade girls and is a very frank discussion of sexuality and its effect on their lives. Discussion, led by health professionals, covers family values, drugs & alcohol, STD, AIDs and other health and psychological problems. A particularly effective segment is a presentation by three teenage mothers who tell of their hard experiences of giving birth so early in life.

Participation is mandatory for all 8th grade girls in the school district. The girls are encouraged to dress up and corsages are provided by a local florist. The point is to impress these teen and preteen girls, on the threshold of maturity, of the importance and significance of treating their bodies with respect and intelligence.

Teen abstinence and pro-life concerns are an important part of this program and are also hallmarks of the Knights of Columbus. We are asked to provide a hall for the event and to serve a lunch for approximately 125 girls and teachers.

This program gives us a wonderful chance to bring Christ into the community. It is also an opportunity to publicly demonstrate to the Catholic community and the community at large, that this is what Catholic men, through the Knights of Columbus, can accomplish. It is also a compliment to our council in that we are recognized by some in the community, as a force in support of Teen Abstinence and Pro-Life Movements.



**GK Don Schnoor presents a \$971.00 charitable donation
to a representative of the Potter House Girls Home,**

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Grand Knight – (from Page 1)

for soda and coffee. We need to cover the cost of having the hall open and the cost of goods. We will do the same for food - just a small overhead charge and the cost of goods. I believe we are all capable of leaving a proper tip that would be for a person to prepare the food and make sure clean up is done. The bartender will be a Knight, who will run the operation under the direction of the CMBA. Don't forget that we now have an 80 inch TV which can be used to provide good viewing. Who brought up the idea of an old movie of the week? Cards, Dominos or other board games could be played ... do your thing! The ladies can do one thing, and the men can do another and still enjoy themselves, if they give it a try. What do you wish to do? Have a dance to raise money for ??? Fine, bring your plan to the board, then we will get membership approval. *The entertainment and charity action of Council #5441 is in your hands!* You say this is your council - well this is your chance to do your thing! You must work and sell your plan to the board.

One of the areas in which I would really like to see improvement, is the attitude and tone of conversations, both at our meetings and with each other. A positive attitude leads to productive conversations and a willingness to work together. Do your part and ***BE POSITIVE!*** Let's all smile and be happy while working together for our charities and our faith. Leave life's hardships at home or in the car when you get to the council hall. Let's make every trip to the hall a positive experience for everyone there. Help make the Lords burden a little lighter ...

"Love thy neighbor - and be happy!"

Don Schnoor, GK

Columbiettes

Springtime Greetings,

We congratulate and welcome Marianne Cecere, Rita Harrington and Maureen Stephens, our new sister Columbiettes.



Our dinner-show for the abused children is behind us, but the success of it lingers on. Thanks and appreciation to our chairpersons Marie and Dick Carlson (what a pair), Ed and Mary Cassidy, the food was fabulous!! Faye Basile for the posters and tickets, Cecil Lapointe our ticket seller, Sophie Bradford for publicity, Carolyn Stoner, Lorraine Fields and Lucille Hebert for handling the raffles, Donna Mazzi for making the beautiful doll for our raffle, to all our servers, kitchen help and clean up crew: Carmel Cano, Donna Mazzi, Ann Flanagan, Beth Caracaus, Rita Delaflora, Sophie Bradford, Mary Basile, Coky Bohanon (special thanks to her husband Charles for helping to put back the tables after the show), Palmira Rivera, Vicki Sandin, Joan Smith, Johanna Suther, Alvina Beyer and Kay Goers. to all the Knights that attended and supported our benefit we thank you.

Prayers and thanksgiving to all our military men and women and to our charter and honorary members. Special prayers for Faith and Bill Reagan, Mary Ann Estgen, Beth Caracaus, Pat Spayd (Scott Giles - her son) and my mother and daughter.

Birthday wishes to all those born in April. Happy Easter! Our next meeting will be April 10th. There will be a Chapter meeting April 17th here in Sebring at 7:00pm.

'Among life's mysteries is how a two pound box of chocolate can make a woman gain five pounds.'

Faternally,

Alma

Deacon Jim – (from Page 1)

and denied three times that he knew the one he once called "the Christ of God." (Luke 9:20). Jesus foresaw the apostle's betrayal and told him so. We do not know how this made St. Peter feel. One bitter lesson he surely learned when the cock crowed was that ***willingness without commensurate action is nothing more than fantasy.***

The significance of Jesus' final week on earth --- His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, disruption of the temple's commerce, disputes, teachings, last supper, arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death --- Is much ***greater*** than St. Peter's betrayal of Jesus. St. Peter's courage in safety, and cowardice in danger comprise the sort of faithlessness with which most of us can identify.

The unexpected of an average human life have a way of raising situations in which cherished beliefs and images of character are exposed as *frauds*. These terrible moments are ***"gifts"***. They are gateways to ***Conversion.***

Consider the example of St. Paul, who persecuted the church until struck blind. In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul offers the self-sacrifice of Jesus as an example to a church enduring a feud. St. Paul sits in a jail facing the strong possibility of death. It is impossible to know for what one is willing to sacrifice everything until faced with a demanding situation. But Saints Peter and Paul show us ***that faith is more than declaring one's willingness to follow Christ. It is about taking up one's cross when the time comes.***

My brother Knights; during the reading of the Passion of our Lord think about this question; "Is Christ's example something we should follow or is Christ's example impossible for us to follow.

Have a blessed Holy Week!

Deacon Jim

District Deputy

Worthy Brothers,



Time is rapidly shortening our deadlines. All activity reports are due to me by April 1 for signature and forwarding to appropriate State Directors. Nominations for next year's officers should be completed in April with elections in May.

It was reassuring to learn that there will be another practice of the First Degree team on March 25th and a First Degree on March 27th. I congratulate all the team members!

There is still time for members to make contributions to the Helping Life and Vocation Funds. Early reports show that we are doing well in the Helping Life fund, thanks to the special bingo games, but not very well with the Vocations. It would be nice if we met our goals for these worthwhile funds. The Handicapped drive, "Tootsie Roll", has started and initial collections are encouraging. We have one more weekend to collect so please inform the chairman the dates you will be available to help in this year's campaign.

April 1st is Palm Sunday and Easter is April 8th. Lent is almost over but for those of us who may have been a little lax thus far we still have time to properly prepare ourselves for Our Lord's Resurrection.

April 15th is Divine Mercy Sunday and we will celebrate at St. Catherine's from 3-4 PM.

This year the Knights will join America's Fraternal Benefit Society in celebrating JOIN HANDS DAY on May 5th. This is an opportunity for young and old alike to come together to aid their local church, families, youth, and community. More information is available at www.joinhandsday.org.

The Florida State 103rd Annual Convention will be held May 25th-27th

at the Renaissance Sea World Hotel in Orlando.

Just a reminder that the 39th Knights of Columbus Annual International Golf Tournament will be in Titusville June 11th-15th.

Fraternally,

Don Sliwicki DD #40

Insurance Corner

• **GUARANTEED PRINCIPAL:** No matter what "the market" does.

• **GUARANTEED INTEREST:** Never earn less than 3%

• **BONUS INTEREST:** With a balance of \$10,000 or more, you earn a ¼% more

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The Feast of Easter

The greatest festival of the Christian church commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The name Easter comes from Eostre, an ancient Anglo-Saxon goddess, originally of the dawn. In pagan times an annual spring festival was held in her honor. Some Easter customs have come from this and other pre-Christian spring festivals. Others come from the Passover feast of the Jews, observed in memory of their deliverance from Egypt.

The resurrection of Jesus took place during the Passover. Christians of the Eastern church initially celebrated both holidays together. But the Passover can fall on any day of the week, and Christians of the Western church preferred to celebrate Easter on Sunday the day of the resurrection.

Connected with the observance of Easter are the 40-day penitential season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday and concluding at midnight on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. In many churches Easter is preceded by a season of prayer, abstinence, and fasting. This is observed in memory of the 40 days' fast of Christ in the desert. Lent may be preceded by a carnival season. Elaborate pageants often close this season on Shrove Tuesday, the day before the beginning of Lent. This day is also called by its French name, Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday).

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, gets its name from the practice, mainly in the Roman Catholic church, of putting ashes on the foreheads of the faithful to remind them that man is but dust.

Palm Sunday, one week before Easter, celebrates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Holy Week begins on this day. Holy Thursday, or Maundy Thursday, is in memory of the Last Supper of Christ with his disciples. Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion.

Special Events

Election of CMBA Directors

In accordance with Article VIII of the CMBA By-Laws: "The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors elected from the membership of the corporation in the manner provided by the by-laws. The council **Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Trustees shall be Ex-Officio members** of the Board of Directors. The board of directors may be increased or decreased as provided by the by-laws, but **in no case shall the number of directors be less than five.**"

The Directors elected for the 2007 year are Andy Mish (2-year); James Hollywood (1-year); and Carmine Aurigemma (3-year). Because Carmine is a Trustee he is, by office, an Ex-Officio member of the Board of Directors and cannot be a Director. Therefore two new Trustees need to be elected at the CMBA meeting on April 10th. **If you are willing to serve your council in this important position contact Andy Mish at 402-1402.**

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is being sponsored by Pope John XXIII Council at St. Catherine's on April 15th. CDR Joseph T. O'Callahan Assembly #1723 has been requested to lead the procession into church for the Divine Mercy Hour of Prayer at Saint Catherine's. The service will begin at 3:00 PM and be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We will carry a newly framed, life-sized image of the Divine Mercy, framed by Couture's, which will be donated to St. Catherine's.

All council members and their families are encouraged to attend. Any 4th Degree member that can make the fallout is requested to contact Mike Flood, the Color Corps Commander, at 471-6381.

April Birthdays

Alice H. McLennan	02	James F. Gracey	11	Marion L. Sparks Jr	22
Arthur J. Paek	02	Albert D. Phillips	13	William O. Fields	24
Ervin J. Adams	02	Araceli Rose-Colon	13	Charles F. Cocca	24
Helen Minard	04	Virginia Hollywood	14	Jack McLaughlin FDD	25
Joseph R. Grecko	05	Alton E. Frisch	16	Gerald E. Minard	27
Denny E. Zelnar	05	Robert A. Levasseur	16	Joseph V. Alviano	27
Marlena Diaz	08	Norbert E. Crowe	17	William D. Staley	27
Amedo Schiappa	09	Mary Rose McGarry	19	Mark R. O'Sullivan	27
Robert L. George	09	Gregory G. Gulyas	20	Mark Anderson	28
Richard T. Pravlik	10	Helen Urbanski	22		



William & Lorraine Fields	05 April 1951
Kevin & Amady (Amy) Bouffard	06 April 1991
Deacon James & Mary Rose McGarry	19 April 1958
Gerald & Joyce Hollywood	26 April 1975

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April 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 1 Palm Sunday 3 PM Passion of Christ Movie (Mel Gibson)	2 Holy Week 3 PM Passion of Christ Movie (Mel Gibson) 7 PM Civil Air Patrol 7 PM GK Directors Mtg	3 Holy Week 7 PM 4th Deg Mtg	4 Holy Week 5:45 PM Bingo	5 Holy Week	6 Good Friday	7 Holy Saturday
8 Easter Sunday	9 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	10 7 PM Council Mtg	11 5:45 PM Bingo	12	13 5 PM KC Bar Open	14
15	16 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	17	18 5:45 PM Bingo	19	20 5 PM KC Bar Open	21
22 10 AM Brunch & Social	23 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	24	25 5:45 PM Bingo	26	27 5 PM KC Bar Open	28
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April 29 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	30 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	May 1 7 PM 4th Deg Mtg	2 5:45 PM Bingo	3	4 5 PM KC Bar Open	5
6 7 PM Civil Air Patrol 7 PM GK Directors Mtg	7	8 7 PM Council Mtg	9 5:45 PM Bingo	10	11 5 PM KC Bar Open	12
13 Mother's Day	14 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	15	16 5:45 PM Bingo	17	18 5 PM KC Bar Open	19
20 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	21	22	23 5:45 PM Bingo	24	25 5 PM KC Bar Open	26
27 10 AM Brunch & Social	28 Memorial Day 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	29	30 5:45 PM Bingo	31	June 1 5 PM KC Bar Open	2

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