

Knights in Action

Pope John XXIII Council #5441

Avon Park & Sebring, FL

August 2007

Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights,

It's been a nice summer, that has given me time to recover and enjoy time with Loretta and our trip around the good old USA. We drove a little over 7,500 miles and I would do it all over next year, if I had the money for gas, Wow!



It was a great home coming surprise to find out that our Mike Flood was the Knight of the year for 2007. Since so many of our members are away for the summer I'm going to ask our council to hold a dinner party to honor Mike Flood in October when you all can be back in town for the gala. Congratulations Mike!

We have been having our Friday night dinners. The attendance has been between 8 and 18, that is light in numbers. The idea was that if it worked we would stay on Friday nights. If it didn't grow, as it hasn't, that we would change the dinners to Saturday night. So that looks like the plan for next month. The ladies are having there game in the small dinning room, and they represent half our dinner sales, "Thank You Ladies!" Beginning in August we will try to add a poker game, after dinner, and we have our big TV package with programs and some movies for you to view.

The Columbian Club will start to get on with organizing as we were advised to do by Supreme. You can get more info at our business meeting.

Program Directors are required to conduct the business of the council, and as I stated at the last meeting, they will be filled. We will also designate a captain for each Tootsie Roll collection point, to co-ordinate the efforts at that location. It's too much work for one person to run around town every time a problem occurs, or something is needed to be taken care of. The location director will also be responsible for signing up his staff to work at that location. Lastly if you have an interest in redoing an event we had from last season, or to try a new event for this season, this is the meeting to step up, or phone, or e-mail me and we can get it on the calendar for the '07-'08 Fraternal Year.

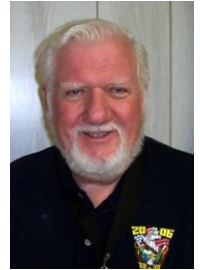
Important Notices

1. The Directors Meeting on August 6th is **cancelled**
2. The Business Meeting on August 14th will begin at **6:30 PM**
3. The Friday Night open bar, bistro meal and movies have not drawn a big crowd, so we are going to shake things up a bit and move to Saturday nights. The bar will open at 5:00 PM and a dinner with two choices of main course will be served between 5:30 and 7:00 PM for \$7.50 including coffee, iced tea and dessert. We will have Bar Bingo during the evening with a 100% payout. Instant tickets will also be available. Saturday evenings will also include poker, and other card games ***This event is open to the public so bring a friend or neighbor.***

Deacon's Corner

Dear Brothers;

I would first like to congratulate our PGK Mike Flood at being recognized for all the work he does for not only the Council but also the Church and the community. The honor is by far the most special gift that we as Knights, along with the whole state of Florida, can bestow on a person who so richly deserves this gift of appreciation. Mike Flood, my congratulations, and our prayers are with you, as you continue being the special person that you are. This month's "corner" is a reminder about who we are and the tasks that we have laid out for us by our lord. PGK, Mike Flood, has performed his task, and we can, by example, be the Knight and person God has deemed for us.



It is essential for us to understand that Jesus has a "specific task in life for each and every one of us." Each

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Marianne Cecere	07	Rufus D. Bonifas	21
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Marlene B. Von Merveldt	09	Edgar R. Cronin	22
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Mary Basile	10	George J. Kircher Jr	23
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Walter K. Green	17	Thomas G. Dunn	29
Steven A. DiSano	17	Gilbert J. Schmidt	29
Eric H. Quiel PGK	19		

August Anniversaries

Leo & Kathleen Fitzgerald	August 6, 1955
Frederick & Wanda Kay Khouri	August 22, 1964
Max & Gladys Severe	August 28, 1965

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

The man whispered "God, speak to me" And a meadowlark sang. But the man did not hear.

So the man yelled "God speak to me!" And the thunder rolled across the sky. But the man did not listen.

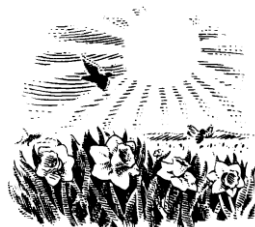
The man looked around and said "God let me see you" And a star shone brightly. But the man did not notice.

And the man shouted "God show me a miracle" And a life was born. But the man did not know.

So, the man cried out in despair. "Touch me God and let me know that you are here!" Whereupon God reached down and touched the man.

But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

He listens and fulfills each and every request. Remember not to be so busy that we don't listen too!



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one of us is handpicked by name --
- by Jesus! There is no one among
us who does not have a divine
vocation! Now this is what St. Paul
wrote in his letter to the Ephesians:
"Each one of us has received
God's favor in the measure in
which Christ bestows it. It was He
who gave the apostles, prophets,
evangelists, pastors, and teachers
in roles of service for the faithful to
build up the body of Christ." (Eph
4: 11-12).

What does Christ call us
(knights) to be? First and foremost,
God has called us into existence.
He has called us to be! He has
called us, through His Son Jesus
Christ, to knowledge of himself as
our loving Father. He has called us
to be His children! He has called
us to fulfill His eternal plan in our
individual lives, with Jesus as our
guide. He has called us to be co-
heirs with Jesus of His heavenly
kingdom! What God our Father. Is
offering us through His son is a
new life as His real children with
Jesus for our brother; a pressing
call to love, to labor for the coming
of His Kingdom. And lest,
bewildered at what we must do, we
hesitate, Jesus offers to be
himself, our guide,. and says,
"Come after me." (Lk. 9: 50).

My brother Knights, can we not
consider answering these calls? A
tall order, but not beyond our own
individual capabilities. How we do
it is by prayer, prayer and more
prayer!! Our call, to be what Jesus
has ordained us, is within our
grasp. Something to think about!
God Bless your efforts,

Deacon Jim

**JESUS NEEDS YOU,
DON'T SAY NO!**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

Veterans Corner

Mike Basile, Veterans Chairman

There was a
flag raising cere-
mony held at the
Elks on July 4th
at 9:00 AM with
over 100 people
in attendance,
including the
Mayor of Sebring
and three County Commissioners,
as well as VFW Post 4300 color
guard.



We are currently looking into
the cost of purchasing a Knights of
Columbus flag for the Memorial
cemetery as are other
organizations to honor our living
and deceased military men and
women on Veterans holidays.

Any donations for the Paws for
Patriots are still being accepted
and I will personally deliver any
checks.

In September the Veterans
Council is having a "stand down", a
caravan going to the West Palm
Beach VA Hospital. Any donated
items such as shaving cream or
other personal hygiene items will
be taken to the VA Hospital.

Benches will be installed in the
Medal of Honor Park at the end of
summer, with the Knights of
Columbus contributing.

Finally, I've been selected by
the County Commissioners to be a
member of the Highlands County
Advisory Board. Bring any
veterans questions and/or
suggestions and I will get them to
the appropriate action officer.

God Bless America!



4th Degree Report

Al Phillips, Faithful Navigator

Here is a
partial list of
things that Com-
mander Joseph
T. O'Callahan,
S.J. Assembly is
planning for this
Fraternal Year:



When the youth group gets
back from camp we would like to
host a social at the hall before they
go back to school.

We will have subs from
Subway at the September 4th
meeting and work on projects for
the upcoming year.

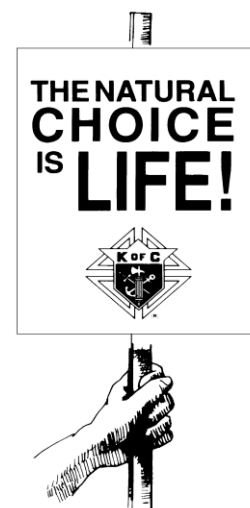
The October 2nd meeting will
be social recognizing Mike Flood
with a dinner. Wives will be invited
and the dress will be formal.

The November 4th meeting will
be in Lake Placid.

Good of the Order

Keep in your prayers and
thoughts Sam F. LaTorre, James
Smithson and Mary Flood, sister of
PGK Mike Flood, all of whom have
recently been called to the
Heavenly Father.

Remember also all of our
Brother Knights, Columbiettes and
their spouses who are sick or in
need of our prayers.



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