

Knights in Action

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Grand Knight's Report

Richard Carlson, PGK

My Brother Knights,

Is that a bell I hear in the distance?

The annual CMBA meeting is a time when all Council Members are asked to attend and vote on major policies, such as the sale of our property. Surely, this would inspire you to attend. But, no, there wasn't even a quorum in attendance; therefore, no vote could be taken! The next logical step was to present the proposed sale at the July Council Business Meeting. Guess what? There was not a quorum at that meeting either, so no vote could be taken! No, I was not at the July meeting because I was vacationing with Marie at our time share. Shame on me! And, shame on each and every one of you who did not attend.

It's time, my brothers, for you to become more than just a dues-paying member of your council. If you have a problem with another brother or with a policy of this council, it's time to either confront it or get over it.

Perhaps it is Council 5441 "For Whom the Bell Tolls!"

Please remember that our monthly breakfast at Our Lady of Grace will resume on Sunday, September 7, 2008. Sincere thanks to all the Knights and Columbiettes who worked so hard last season on these breakfasts.

Dick Carlson, GK

Deacon's Corner

Rev. Mr. James McGarry

Brother Knights and Columbiettes,

When entering the church, we bless ourselves; find a seat and pray awaiting Mass to begin. We pray during Mass, after communion, and at the final blessing. All of this is very good. However there is an area of prayer that most of us are neglecting, which is praying during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or by just positioning ourselves in front of the tabernacle and talking to God.

In true reality, we are not separated from our Lord. People who love each other hate to be separated, even for a short time. During A time of separation, they keep some reminder of the other, a picture, or a gift. I know in our home, (Mary Rose) and mine; we have pictures or little reminders throughout the home, reminding us of all our children, parents and many, many others. I am sure it is the same in your own homes. These reminders are ways of making the loved ones present in affection, though absent in body.

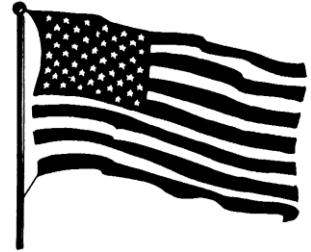
In a reading from the "Book of Exodus, chap.40: 16-21, 34-38" Moses did exactly as the Lord had commanded him. He erected a place, a Dwelling, placed it on pedestals and he spread a covering, "a Tent," over the Dwelling. "Then the cloud covered the tent and the glory of the Lord filled the Dwelling."

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Upcoming Events

- Aug 5th - 4th Deg Mtg (7 PM)
Lake Placid
- Aug 12th - Council Mtg (7 PM)
- Aug 12th - NO Columbiette Mtg
- Aug 18th - 1st Degree (8PM)
- Aug 26th - NO CMBA Mtg
- Aug 23/24 - 4th Deg Exemp
Coral Springs
- Sep 26-28 - FL KC Golf Tourney
Sebring
- Nov 23/25 - 4th Deg Exemp
Orlando



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Kevin Dillon	03	Eric Quiel PGK	19
Raymond Goers	06	Charles Rooney	20
Marianne Cecere	07	Gladys Severe	20
John Harrison	08	Joseph Stuckel	20
Marlene Von Merveldt	09	Rufus D. Bonifas	21
Mary Basile	10	Edgar R. Cronin	22
Benjamin Schiappa	11	George Kircher Jr	23
Carlos Solivan	13	Paul Reiter	23
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Dr William Manint	16	Walter R. Green	27
Steven DiSano	17	Thomas G. Dunn	29
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August Anniversary's

Leo & Kathleen Fitzgerald	August 6, 1955
Larry & Nancy Colclasure	August 13, 1960
Gerald & Gloria Jankowiak	August 18, 1962
Frederick Wanda Kay Khouri	August 22, 1964
Dennis & Jan Queen	August 25, 1973
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(Deacon Jim from Page 1)

The tent or tabernacle mentioned in the reading was the place of God's invisible presence among His people. The ark, a small box, was placed within the tent. It contained the two tablets of the law, God's gift to His people. The whole arrangement was a way of making God present to His people in a symbolic and affectionate manner.

We have given to an object in our churches the name, tabernacle. Within it is not a symbol of God's presence, but the very body of Jesus Christ. The Eucharist must be understood to be primarily **the sacrament of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ**. The Eucharist is first and fundamentally an action, the reality of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and only secondarily a permanent presence. And yet **Christ is truly present in our tabernacles**.

To have a proper understanding of this presence, we must realize that Jesus is present specifically as the victim given up in sacrifice to effect our union with the Father. The ark was a sign of God's covenant with His people. The Eucharist is the means of the new covenant of God with us, a union more profound and complete than that enjoyed by the chosen of the Old Testament. As we visit the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle, we must appreciate the truth that through Christ we have entered into an intimate union of love with God our Father.

Go with Christ & Enjoy;

Deacon Jim

Columbiettes

Marie Carlson,

President

Sister Columbiettes,

So far, only four of you have responded to my plea for help in the upcoming Golf Tournament in



September. Thank you very much. We will need more co-operation in order to be successful in earning funds for our continuing charitable works. Please call me at 471-2134 if you have questions.

Mark your calendars for the first breakfast of the season at Our Lady of Grace on September 7, 2008. Those of you who can help, please let me know.

Some of you have expressed the desire to continue to wear your uniforms at our monthly meetings. That is fine; you can wear either the Columbiette T-shirts or your uniform. The most important time to wear your uniform is when we attend Masses, funerals, and other official occasions. Working in the kitchen or any other messy work would be a time to wear those T-shirts with the Columbiette insignias.

Put on your thinking caps regarding our February fund raiser. Last year's dinner failed due to lack of participation and ticket sales. This year, we must pull together to make this once highly-successful fund raiser a success again.

Please help me to show your beautiful and charitable ways as loving and giving Columbiettes. Remember that many hands make light work! All suggestions will be welcome.

Prayers are needed for several of our Sister Columbiettes who are either recovering from medical procedures or who have ongoing problems health wise. It's a good idea to include in your daily prayers all those who are suffering in any way.

Have a happy and safe summer. God bless you all.

Marie

Veterans Corner

Mike Basile, Veterans Chairman

The Highlands County Veterans Council hosted a ceremony honoring our country's 232nd birthday on July 4th at the Sebring Elks Lodge. There were more than 100



people in attendance, including all of the County Commissioners, as well as several Veterans Organizations, including our council's Knights and Columbiettes. Coffee & donuts were served. The guest speaker was County Commissioner Don Bates. I hope everyone celebrated Independence Day and had a great day!

The new Veterans Office will be completed in late November or early December. Congressmen Mahoney & Commissioner Stokes suggested that we add another 20 square feet to the building with the residual funds. With the growing veterans population in our county it will be needed!

Please remember our veterans, both past and present.

God Bless America!!

Mike

53rd FL State Golf Tourney

Don Sliwicki, Co-Director

We are now ready to begin soliciting sponsors for the tournament. Contact Jack McLaughlin for the forms that you'll take with you to the business, and provide him with a list of what businesses you are going to visit.

We need 28 volunteers for the weekend of 26-28 September to make this work. Check your calendar and see if you can afford a three-hour shift of Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Call Jack and he can give you additional information

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Navigator's Report

Jack McLaughlin, Faithful Navigator

Our next meeting is at 7:00 PM at Lake Placid Council on August 5th. Please attempt to make the first meeting of our new fraternal year. As you all know, or should, our Assembly coffers are nearly empty. We have several fund raisers to discuss, not the least of which is the FL State Golf Tournament which we are jointly sponsoring with Sebring Council and the Sebring Council Columbiettes. This event is a fund raiser that will generate income for all three organizations. The income will be split based on the participation of the members of the three organizations.

We need Sir Knights from our Assembly to sell **Tournament Program Ads** - full page cost \$100, \$50 for a ½ page, \$25 for a ¼ page, \$20 for business card size, and \$5 to be identified as a Individual Tournament Supporter; **Hole Sponsors** - \$100 for the two-day event; and to solicit **Door Prizes** from local merchants in your area. The door prizes will be presented at the Saturday evening banquet. Each sponsor will be listed in the Golf Tournament Program and announced during the drawings.

We need volunteers to work the three day event (Fri-Sun - 26-28 September) As mentioned on the preceding page, we need a minimum of 28 volunteers to work 3-4 hour shifts to make this work. We need: workers for registration on Friday the 26th from 12-3PM and from 4-7PM; workers for the Friday dinner at Sebring Council; help selling raffle and 50/50 tickets at the banquet on Saturday night; and, 16 volunteers to run the Closest to the Pin on Saturday and Sunday (golfers or former golfers would be great for this job). ***Step up to the plate and earn income for your Assembly! If you can't make the meeting call me (471-3295) or email me at jack.mclaughlin@embarqmail.com to volunteer.***

I also have several other possible fund raisers that I would like to discuss at the meeting, so please attend. The section below also describes a potential fundraiser.

Jack

Cruise Anywhere, Anytime & Have a Great Time

If any member is taking a cruise this fall, winter, or next year, and you have not booked it yet, let me know. We may be able to get you a good deal, and raise money for the Assembly.

I have contact with a Brother Knight who is a travel agent. He books cruises to Europe, Australia, the Greek Isles, the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, Alaska and the South Pacific. He books on Royal Caribbean, Celebrity, Princess, Norwegian, Cunard, Crystal and many others. The deal is, the Assembly will get 10% of his commission on any booked cabins.

Once we identify a cruise, we can market it with pricing information and dates to our Assembly, our Councils, and our Parishes.

If anyone is interested, let me know and I'll work with you --- Jack McLaughlin

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