

Knights in Action

Pope John XXIII Council #5441

Avon Park & Sebring, FL

February 2007

Grand Knight's Report

Sailing Through the Last Half of Our Year

The New Year is here and I hope this is a banner year for you and our council!

The beginning is full of action, which started with the Sun-News article that spotlighted the council's bingo operation under the direction and guidance of brother Mike Flood. We are experiencing very nice customer increases starting off this season.



"Thanks" to all of our faithful volunteers, without you this would not be.

In the short time I've been active with Council 5441, I've been told "we need more activities for our members like other clubs in the area". I've accepted the challenge and set out to improve the number of activities, providing each member with the opportunity to get active and work to help others - with a little fun for ourselves. You have succeeded! We've been asked to host the ladies group from St. Catherine's church for the second consecutive year; the P.R.A.Y. group has asked us to cook for their dinner dance to make funds for our young parishioners to go to camp; We just hosted the Highlands County Girl Scout leaders "Thank You" dinner - generating a small profit to your council. The Highlands County Veteran's Association has asked to book their inaugural Military Ball at our hall as a joint effect with all of the other veteran's associations, including our own 4th Degree

Assembly. We are also planning a special night for our members to renew their vows of marriage, and enjoy a meal and a little dancing - check the calendar for the date.

This shows that we have been working to fulfill our mission to have the Knights and Columbiettes serve our church, our chosen charitable organizations, our members spiritual needs, and show the Highlands County community that Council 5441 is the leading fraternal organization.

The stage is set and in motion - now it is up to you to show up and honor your First Degree and put your council in the forefront in Highlands County. You asked for it - here it is. Are you getting on board? Is the ship going to sail or just bob in the water? Without you we can't do any more. If you step on board, I will stay on board if you wish me to as Grand Knight. My sailboat is on dry land here in Sebring on Andy Mish's lot. If you come on board with other members of Council 5441 and make this council seaworthy, I would be honored to sail with you for another year.

Don Schnoor, GK

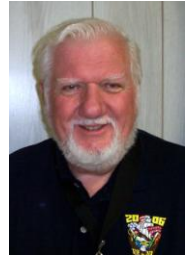
Sunday Brunch Replaces 4th Tuesday Social Meeting

Due to the limited attendance at the 4th Tuesday Meeting, we've decided to cancel this meeting and replace it with a Brunch on the 4th Sunday of each month beginning February 25th. Brunch will be served from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM at the Hall. This event is open to the public, so bring your friends and neighbors.

Deacon's Corner

Dear brothers;

I hope and pray that all of you and your families had a great Christmas celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us not forget that this is just the beginning of the year with all our new hopes and resolutions. I read an article by our Pope, Benedict XVI, and I felt it worthy to share it with you. It has to do with celebrating the Lords day, "Sunday."



Christians are a Sunday people. What does that mean? Before we ask ourselves how we, as Knights and Christians, "observe Sunday," we have to consider what we, as Christians, actually celebrate on Sunday.

The real and first reason for celebrating Sunday lies in the fact that, on this day, Christ rose from the

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February Birthdays

Samuel J. Terrasi	03	Thomas P. Hahn	14
Rudolph Cecere	05	Thomas A. Urbanski	17
James P. Fane	06	John R. Kulka	17
Dennis L. Queen	08	Charles J. Vincent	18
Howard Fleetwood	09	Kevin J. Bouffard	21
Robert H. Hebert	12	Francis W. Stanton Jr	24
Roger S. Jefferson	12	John P. Miller	28
Modesto A. Diaz	12		

Happy Anniversary

Albert & Katherine Phillips Feb 03, 1989
John T. & Margaret Faulhaber Feb 18, 2006

Fishing Seminar & Tournament

Pope John XXIII Council # 5144 is sponsoring a fishing seminar on March 3, 2007. The seminar will be held in the council hall from 8:00AM until 5:00PM. Come and join us for a full day of facts and useful information on Fishing Central Florida.

Eight hours of instruction by Local Guides and Pro Anglers on local waters in Central Florida. See the latest in fishing gear, new lures and lines,. Displays will include fishing and pontoon boats, boats, motors and trailers.

Each angler will receive a Seminar packet with lunch included for a registration fee of \$25.00. All profits will go toward Scholarship Fund for Local Students.

The Bass Fishing Tournament will be held on Lake Istohpoga on April 14, 2007. This is a team tournament with a \$125.00 entry fee per Team.

For more information call Al Phillips at (863) 314-0064 or (863) 385-0987.

Highlands County Military Ball

This event is sponsored by the Highlands County Veterans Council at Pope John XXIII Council #5441 from 6:00PM until 11:00PM on March 31, 2007. Dress is formal/semi-formal at a cost of \$40.00 per couple and \$25.00 for a single, until March 1st. After March 1st the cost goes up to \$50/couple and \$30/single.

The event include a social hour, dinner and dancing. There will be a cash bar and a menu of: salad buffet, mixed grill (chicken, beef, pork), baked potatoes, vegetables, coffee or tea, and dessert.

For ticket contact Mike Basile at (863) 382-4550.

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dead. In doing so, he inaugurated a new age. He remains here with us. "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. (Jn 14; 18-19). This is found in the last supper discourses. He has returned and will never leave us again. The feast of Sunday is, therefore; above all, **a profession of faith in the resurrection. It is a profession of faith that life is good.**

In the early history of the Church, it was often asked "Why did the Lord choose this day? What meaning does this have for us?" According to Jewish custom, Sunday was the first day of the week. Therefore, it was the day that God started creating the world. It also was the day that "God rested and spoke, "Let there be light" the week, the day of creation, then (Gn 1:3). Since Sunday is the first day of Sunday is also the day we give thanks for creation. We give thanks for the many gifts that have been bestowed on us. How is this done? We give thanks by participating and praying the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Deacon Jim

District Deputy #40 - Don Sliwicki

Worthy Brothers,



Now that 2007 is here, it means that there are only six months left in this fraternal year. Six months may sound as if it is a long time but when you consider the activities planned and reporting required by the State and Supreme Councils, we do not have much time.

This is a wonderful way for me to begin this report for the New Year. I want to congratulate David Suarez and his wife for being one of the 100 Families of the Month selected by Supreme to receive a Holy Family Statue for the month of Dec. That is two families in a row selected from Council 11284 in Buckhead Ridge. Special thanks to David Alford GK, for continuing to send in the required forms each month.

We should continue our recruiting efforts and not wait for the March Blitz. In this regard we should be preparing for that event. The State Council is giving a special plaque, showing the history of Christianity in Florida, to councils which meet or exceed their new member goals.

There is still time for members to make contributions to the Helping Life and Vocation Funds. It would be nice if we met our goals for these worthwhile funds. Plans for the "Tootsie Roll" drive which helps the handicapped, should now be confirmed and collections started. Please inform the chairman the dates you will be available to help in this year's campaign.

Buckhead Ridge, Council 11284 has established its' web site located at www.kofccouncil11284.com. They also are having an anniversary dinner and dance on Sat. Feb.10th. Tickets are only \$18.00 each for a roast beef and chicken dinner. There are only 140 tickets available so if interested call the GK at 863-763-8639 and make your reservations.

There will be a golf tournament followed by a dinner for Fr. Grogan on Feb.12th at the Sun N Lake Golf course. Golf begins at 1.00 PM and costs \$38.00 for non Sun N Lake members and \$10.00 for members. Dinner follows at 6:30 PM and you have a choice of Prime Rib or Chicken Candlelight for \$16.95. For reservations call Jerry Myers 382-2821 prior to Feb 6th.

Now is the time to begin preparing for the holy season of Lent which begins Feb. 21st. Try to be

positive during this period by doing something extra instead of being negative by giving up something. You can make an extra effort to recruit new members, attend the meetings, participate in some of our activities, visit some ill persons, attend an additional Mass, say an extra rosary or prayers etc. By doing this you will be well prepared for the Easter Season.

Lake Placid Council 7245 announced that they will be having their annual St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 11th. There will be seatings from 2-3:30PM and 4-5:30PM for a corned beef, cabbage, and potato feast. Tickets are only \$10.00 each. For reservations contact the GK at 699-2186.

Fraternally,

Don Sliwicki DD 40

Super Bowl Party

Pope John XXIII Council Knights of Columbus, located at 900 US 27 North, will host a Super Bowl Party on Sunday February 4th with the doors opening at 4:30 PM. This event is open to the public and everyone is invited. Come join us and watch the game on 10 foot wide screen! Hot Dogs, Burgers, Hoagies and Pizza, Soft Drinks, Beer and Wine will be available for purchase.

Columbiettes

Dear Sister Columbiettes,



Well another year is upon us and I hope 2007 will be as rewarding as 2006. Thanks to Beth, Adele, Carmel, Mary B., Ann, and Pat S. for helping with the Hoop Shoot.

February 17th we will have a 1st and Major Degree at St. James Parish Hall in Lake Placid. We will

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meet at our hall at 9 AM. They will also have an installation of officers for the new auxiliary they are starting at St. James. I ask that as many Sister Columbiettes as possible please attend to support our new sisters receiving their degrees and for the new auxiliary. The 1st degree will start at 10:00 AM.

Our big event of the year is February 22nd - our dinner-show for the abused children of highlands county. It is our goal to make it even bigger and better than last year, and with the help and support of all of you we can outdo ourselves this year. For tickets call 655-3849 or 385-4069.

Our next meeting will be February 13th at 7:00pm.

Prayers and Thanksgiving to all our military men and women, and our Charter and Honorary members. Prayers and get well wishes to Faith and Bill Reagan, Mary Ann Estgen, Pat Spayd and my mother.

Birthday wishes to all those born in February !

Fraternally,
Alma

Insurance Corner

IRA – minimum distribution tables, ways to establish a tax-free account

Pension – ways to take the maximum pension and still protect your spouse

1980's and 1990's – did you buy life insurance then? If so, please take the company 2. Ask them to send you a 20-year future values printout based on current interest rates (you won't believe what you see. Many of those policies have \$0 cash and \$0 life



insurance when you turn 75 or 80) 3. Mail me a copy

Lost everything – almost ½ the people in nursing homes are on welfare. If you don't have K of C long term care insurance you could lose everything and then leave your spouse with nothing. We have very affordable plans, act now.

Mortgage – Have the mortgage paid off if you die. Very low cost mortgage insurance.

20 million – That's how much the K of C insurance department gave to charity last year. Your support of your fraternity made that possible.

Call brother Mike McDonough (941) 228-5656

Note new address: 3341 Richardson St, North Port, FL 34288

Scholarship Endowment Fund

The men and ladies of our council will be putting their efforts behind The Knights of Columbus 5441 Council Scholarship Endowment Fund. Donations currently made by the Council, Columbiettes and individual gifts, when matched by the state of Florida have established an endowment of nearly \$13,000. Additional donations may be made at any time and are actively being solicited to increase the value of the endowment. Donations are tax deductible in the year donated: ask Mike Flood how to make out your check, or monthly donation slips.

Donations may be made in the name of a loved one. A letter and a photo if you wish can be added to the Knights of Columbus Council 5441 Scholarship Endowment Memorial.

**PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS.
THEY NEED US.
WE NEED THEM.**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

Council 5441 Free Throw Contest

Over 20 Knights, their wives, mothers, sons and the Columbiettes showed up at the YMCA basketball courts to hold the Knights shootout for youth. Good job, people! Once more we tried to get the Knights of Columbus Youth Basketball Free Throw contest under way. Sir Knight Scott and his family gave it a super try. We had a winning day!

Well, we may not have had the large number of youth the YMCA people thought would be interested in our contest. We still had winners in some age groups. The other winners were the Knights of Columbus; their name was in both newspapers for a few days, ten businesses in the county donated money to our council, they now know that Catholicism and the Knights are active, that's good. The Special Olympics is the big winner, we will be giving a check for several hundred dollars from the Knights Youth Basketball Free Throw Tournament. Soft drinks and snacks donated by Sweet Bay stores were donated to the YMCA for a group to use the next day. Come help with the Youth Free Throw shootout next year. **Good Job, Good Day!**



A Special Thank-You to Our Free Throw Contest Sponsors

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Grand Knight Don Schnoor presents the Knight of the Month certificate to December's winner, Ed Cronin



Brother Mike Basile makes the presentation to Lorraine Fields, this month's winner of the Bingo Workers Dinner Tickets.



Grand Knight Don Schnoor presents a check for \$6,250, to Mr. Donald Appelquist, representing the initial funding for the Scholarship Endowment Fund established at South Florida Community College. This donation will be matched by the State of Florida.



Grand Knight Don Schnoor and Lecturer Ed Cronin with Marge Rafferty of the Gabriel Project and Kevin Robbins from the Children's Advocacy Center, both recipients of a significant donation from the Council's Bingo Charity games.



Free Throw Chairman Scott Giles



Free Throw Tournament Winners for 14 Year Old Girls?

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4	5 7 PM Civil Air Patrol 7 PM GK Directors Mtg	6 7 PM 4th Deg Mtg	7 5:45 PM Bingo	8	9	10 9 AM DeSoto Fire Co. Bkfst
11	12 Lincoln's Birthday 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	13 7 PM Council Mtg	14 Valentine's Day 5:45 PM Bingo	15	16	17 6 PM Dinner at St. Catherine's
18	19 President's Day 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	20	21 Ash Wednesday 5:45 PM Bingo	22 6 PM Abused Children Charity Dinner	23 Tootsie Roll (Publix, Tootsie Roll (Car Wash) Tootsie Roll (Albertsons)	24 Tootsie Roll (Publix, Tootsie Roll (Car Wash) Tootsie Roll (Albertsons) 6 PM Marriage Renewal Dinner
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