

Knights in Action

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Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights,

Now that the hustle and bustle of Christmas is over; and, perhaps, too much celebrating on New Years Eve are behind us, it's time for us to contem-plate our plans and goals for the coming year. This (2007) was a stellar year for Marie and I. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in January and have received countless blessings throughout the year. High on the list is having been elected Grand Knight, an honor I never expected to achieve!



The coming year of 2008 promises to be an exciting and challenging year for our Council. You will be asked to vote on two controversial projects. One of these is the possible formation of a social or Columbian Club to acquire a 501c.3 tax status. There are some very strong opinions within the Council, both pro and con.

The other item of major proportions is the possible construction of a new Council Hall. When the sale of the land in front is signed and sealed, this will become a major issue. As with the social club, there are sentiments both for and against the new hall. I ask each of you to learn all you can about both of these projects, to pray for the Lord's guidance, and to vote from your heart.

We will be serving our first breakfast at Our Lady of Grace Church on Sunday, January 6, 2008. Hopefully, some new faces, both

Knights and Columbiettes, will be there to help in the preparation and serving.

Sincere thanks to the Columbiettes for the delicious Christmas dinner they prepared before our December 11th meeting. Also, many thanks for everyone who participated in the children's Christmas party.

May the Good Lord smile upon you and bless you all with the goodness and wisdom of His Son, Jesus Christ, for the coming year.

Dick Carlson, GK

Health Fair – January 30th

Our Lady of Grace Health Ministry will be having a Health Fair Wednesday January 30th at the Grogan Center from 8:30 to 11:00 A.M.

There will be approximately fifty health related vendors there to assist you in making healthy choices, and help you learn of the services available in our community.

There will be free screenings; BMI. body fat; grip strength; oxygen; sugar glucose; blood pressures, cholesterol etc. We will also laminate your Medicaid cards.

Prevention Plus will be doing ultrasound screenings as well, but there is a charge for those. Call (888) 667-7587 to schedule an appointment. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided. This event is open to the public.

For additional information call the Health Fair Coordinator, Alvina Beyer at 314-0117,.

Deacon's Corner

Brother Knights and Columbiettes,

I would like to say this past year has been very difficult for all concerned. What I would like to do is try and bring about the way we (Knights) may be able to understand that all is not lost. I generally, at times like these, always pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance, strength, fortitude, and HOPE. Since this is my goal for the New Year for my Brother Knights and the Columbiettes, I am giving you the prayer to the Holy Spirit in the Deacon's Corner not only for Jan. 2008, but also for the ground work of the months to come.



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Leah G. Grecko	01	Robert W. Kucinski	20
Larry T. Colclasure	02	Ronnie S. Sliwicki	21
Steven Mihalik Jr	02	Terry M. Anderson	22
Diane B. Mish	06	Michael C. White	26
Palmira Rivera	07	Arthur T. Simas	28
Scott J. Giles	10	Robert J. LeFiles Jr	29
Judy McLaughlin	10	Paul J. Von Merveldt	30

January Anniversary

William & Suzanne Brauer	December 3, 1981
Edward & Ruth Tomek	December 4, 1952
Carl & Alice McLennan	December 22, 1965

Good of the Order

Remember in your prayers and thoughts Deacon Max, Juan Colon, Scott Giles. Ray LaCount, Bill Reagan, our Regional Membership Coordinator Bill Aitken's wife Mary and all of our Brother Knights and wives that are in need of your prayers

Remember our deceased members that have died and gone to their eternal reward: Frank Farappolo and Walter Urbanski.

Remember also all of our military men and women serving in harms way to protect our freedom.

To report a sick member, please call Mike Flood F/S 471-6381.

Happy New Year



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Pro-Life News

Ed Cronin, Pro-Life Chairman

ROE v. WADE Rally
Sunday, January 20, 2008 2:00-3:00 PM

As mentioned in the last issue of Knights in Action, our council, in cooperation with other members of the Coalition for Life Leadership, will sponsor a protest rally against the infamous Roe v Wade US Supreme Court decision. Through this decision, the Supreme Court effectively legalized abortion on demand throughout the USA.



The Catholic Church, along with other faith communities and professional and secular organizations, have been fighting this travesty of justice for the past 35 years. Recent developments suggest we are finally making headway in overturning or at least nibbling away at Abortion on Demand. We must continue to influence the public and our legislators to work for an end to abortion.

The rally will take place in front of the K of C hall, a safe distance in from US 27.

It will be a silent, dignified, prayerful demonstration. The people will be asked to hold Pro-Life signs and banners. There will not be any interaction with the traffic. The plan of operation is based on the long established Life Chain Program held throughout the USA. At the conclusion of the rally, the Knights will open the hall and provide light refreshments and a chance to bond with other people who share our concerns with the Culture of Death.

On December 12, I had the opportunity to meet with the Sebring Ministerium and discuss this program with them and to ask them to join with us. I am extremely pleased with their reaction and words of support. I expect (hope) them to support the

program with their presence and prayers. Bishop Dewane has specifically asked the Coalition for Life to reach out to other faith communities and invite them to join with us.

This is the last issue of Knights in Action before the rally on January 20. Please mark your calendar and make a commitment to be there. The media will be there and publicize the event throughout the community. We must make a good showing of our Pro-Life position.

Naturally, manpower is needed, e.g. Marshals; Supervise sign distribution; Transport K.C. Banner, American Flag, folding chairs; Kitchen workers, etc. This is why the Knights exist. ***If we don't bring Christ into the World, who will ?***

Vivat Jesus

Ed

Veterans Corner

Mike Basile, Veterans Chairman

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We had a good turnout for the December 7th ceremony held at Medal of Honor Park to remember Pearl Harbor Day and to dedicate the donated benches. Deacon Jim did the invocations and benediction, and County Commissioner Andrew Jackson was the guest speaker.

The money that was collected from our Bingo Charity game went to Paws for Patriots. I delivered it to the Southeast Guide Dog training at Ellenton. It was a moving experience!

The main topic of the Advisory Board's December meeting was to discuss the new building. There are three sights that we are considering: a new 2400 square foot metal building behind the Health Department building; a new building



at the corner of US 27 and South George Blvd; and, near the Department of Transportation on Kennelworth Blvd. near the racetrack. A decision will be forthcoming shortly.

The Military Ball will be held on March 8th and tickets will be on sale in January. See me if you are planning on attending.

Take time to remember our veterans, both past and present!

Mike



Columbiettes

Happy 2008 Sister Columbiettes,

We welcome and congratulate Madeline Brown and Esther Boruszewski who took their 1st Degree on November 20th, and thanks to all Columbiettes and Grand Knight Dick Carlson for attending and supporting this important occasion.



Thanks to Lucille, Sophie, Carmel, Marie, Anne, Donna, Adele, Maureen and Millie for making cupcakes and helping with the Children's Christmas party on December 8th - it was an eye-opening experience!

To Maureen and Marianne you did a fantastic job decorating the hall for Christmas.

To Anne and Maureen muchas gracias for a fabulous Christmas meal

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(Columbiettes from Page 3)

- Martha Stewart watch out!

January 8th will be our regular meeting at 7:00 PM; January 15th will be a Chapter meeting in Lake Wales at 7:00 PM; January 27th will be the Social Brunch with the Knights.

Prayers and thanksgiving to all our Military men and women, and our Charter and Honorary members.

Special Prayers for Bill Reagan, MaryAnn Estgen, Ray LaCount and Helen Urbanski.

We will be getting ready for our Dinner-Show this month and have tickets available at our meeting.

Birthday wishes to all those born in January!

In last months newsletter I failed to thank Lucille and Edith for modeling in our Fashion Show.

We should all be proud of what we accomplished for 2007. Through our efforts at the Oktoberfest, the Fashion Show, the Train Show, helping the Knights in the kitchen on Wednesday night and the Dinner-Show we were able to give \$500.00 each to the Children's Home Society (plus towels, washcloths and McDonald's gift cards), Potter's House, and Alzheimer's. the awesome amount of \$3,050 to the Children's Advocacy, and two \$500 scholarships. God Bless each and every one of you for your loyalty and support to our Auxiliary.

Faternally

Alma

Honorary Live Members

Congratulations to our Brother Knights that have reached Honorary Membership: Dr. Albert J. Bajohr, Ambrose F. Brooker, John A. Detota, Dr. William J. Manint, James M. Curtis, Adrien H. Laverriere, Henry M. Pieracini, Jr., and Paul B. Reiter,

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Prayer to Obtain The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit ...

Holy Spirit, divine consoler! I adore you as my true God, just as I adore God the Father and God the Son. I unite my praises to those You receive from all choirs of angels. I offer You my whole heart and I give heartfelt thanks for all the benefits You have given me, and that You continually pour out in the world.

You are the author of all supernatural gifts, and you have enriched with immense favors the soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. I beg you to visit me with Your grace and love.

Grant me the gift of Your holy fear in order that it may prevent me from falling any more into my past infidelities for which I now ask You a thousand times to forgive me.

Grant me the gift of *piety* in order that I may in the future serve You with greater fervor, follow with greater promptness Your holy inspirations, and observe with greater exactness Your holy precepts.

Grant me the gift of *knowledge* in order that I may be able to know well the things of God and that, enlightened by Your holy instructions, I may steadily walk in the way of eternal salvation.

Grant me the gift of *fortitude* in order that I may be able courageously to overcome all the attacks of the devil, and escape all the dangers of the world that stand in the way of my eternal salvation.

Grant me the gift of *counsel* in order that I may be able to choose what is most suitable to my spiritual advancement, and to discover all the snares and artifices of the evil spirit who tempts me.

Grant me the gift of *understanding* in order that I may be able to understand better the divine mysteries and, by the contemplation of heavenly things, may detach my

thoughts and affections from all the vanities of this world.

Grant me the gift of *wisdom* in order that I may be able to direct all my actions by referring them to God as my last end, so that by loving and serving You in this as I ought to do, I may have the happiness of eternally possessing you in the next.

Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory be to the father (three times)

Enjoy !

Deacon Jim

God Answers Prayers

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!



Council Activities

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN

What a great time Santa and Mrs. Claus had with the kids at the council's annual Christmas party and lunch. We had an all time high number of children at the party, which made the event very rewarding for all Knights and Columbiettes. Santa was able to give away many presents to deserving children after careful questioning as to who was naughty and who was nice. Since no one admitted being naughty, everyone was treated generously.

Special guests were visitors from the Children's Home Society. Two of our Columbiettes, Marie Carlson and Leah Grecko, reached out to the Red Hat Tanglettes, who in turn asked the Home Society for a Wish List for each of the children in the home. Each of these children received 4 - 5 gifts, all beautifully wrapped. This was in addition to the many gifts supplied by the Knights to children. What a generous and loving action. Thank you and God bless you, Red Hat Tanglettes.

The council should be proud of this Christmas party for local children. Thank you to all who helped with the party and special thanks to John Bock and Andy Mish who donated many of the toys and stuffed animals.

Ed Cronin (aka Santa Claus)



Santa & Mrs. Claus listen to boys explaining their wishes



Santa is visited by Brittany Elk (L) and Kimberly Race (R), both great granddaughters of late Brother Knight Tom Harkins



COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY

A great evening at the joint Knights and Columbiettes Christmas Dinner on December 11th at the Hall.



A 1st Degree initiation ceremony was held on November 27th at the Council Hall. Nine new members were inducted into our Order, six of whom are members of Council 5144.



A charitable donation from the Bingo Charity Game is presented to Kevin Roberts, CEO for Children's Service Foundation (Safe House) by Grand Knight Dick Carlson.



A charitable donation from the Bingo Charity Game is presented to Pat Lefiles of the Gabriel Project by Grand Knight Dick Carlson.



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- 1...Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?
- 2...Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is no money in the account?
- 3...Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
- 4...Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?
- 5...Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?
- 6...Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
- 7...Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?
- 8..Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "lisp"?
- 9..If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?
- 10..Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?
- 11..Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?
- 12..Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?
- 13..And finally.....

The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends, if they're okay, then it's you!

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20 2 PM Pro Life Rally - KC Hall	21 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	22 7 PM CMBA Mtg	23 5:45 PM Bingo	24	25	26
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