

Knights in Action

Pope John XXIII Council #5441

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Grand Knight's Report

Jack McLaughlin

Brother Knights,

As you can tell from the attendance at St. Catherine's on Sunday, and the size of this newsletter, it is summer, and many of us are on vacation, including several contributors to this newsletter. Congratulations to the newly elected officers of both our Council and the Columbiettes. I know that each of the officers will all do their best to perform their duties and get the full support of their brothers and sisters.



meetings or future events. We have another new member that couldn't make the degree and will come aboard next month, and possibly several others.

To all of our inactive members, come back for a meeting or two and see the changes that we are making in our council. We need you to get active again and provide your input as we develop a plan for the future. ***Give it a try - meetings run an hour or less and you may enjoy seeing old friends and meeting new ones.***

Jack

District Deputy

David Alford, DD #43

We also have a new District Deputy - Dave Alford, the current Grand Knight of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Council #11284 in Buckhead Ridge. We welcome Dave and look forward to working with him during his term as District Deputy. On behalf of the council, I would also like to thank Hiram Pedraza for his support to our council during the last two years. We wish him well in his future endeavors with the Knights of Columbus.

As your new District Deputy I am looking forward to working with each Council and member of District #43. Angel Hernandez, who is currently the Grand Knight of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Council #11284, was asked to be the District Warden, and has accepted. We both agreed that our primary goal will be to help every Council in the District achieve Star Council Status.

Dave

Good of the Order

Remember in your prayers and thoughts Rudy Cecere, John O'Shea, Rufus Boniface, Raymond Whitlatch, and Jack Earhart.

Remember our Brother Knights, Columbiettes and their spouses in need of prayers and our military men and women who are serving in harms way protecting your freedom.

Upcoming Events

- Jul 4th - Independence Day
- Jul 7th - 4th Deg - no meeting
- Jul 8th - 1st Degree (8 PM)
- Jul 11th - Council Clean-up (9 AM)
Volunteers needed
- Jul 14th - Council Mtg (7 PM)
- Columbiettes - no summer mtgs



Join Us

Knights in Action is a monthly newsletter published by the Knights of Columbus Pope John XXIII Council No. 5441, Sebring, FL 33870. The council was granted its charter on May 26, 1963 and meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month.

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Joseph Colangelo	02	Kenneth Geiger	22
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Margaret Faulhaber	08	Michael Flood PGK	25
James Quillan	10	Diane Cronin	26
Delores Kucinski	12	Francis Stanton	27
Robert Wilson	19	J. Jay Murphy	27
Joseph Demske	20	Bruce Walker	28
Mary Hutchison	20	Anthony Lomonico	30
Josef Reis	21		

July Anniversary's

Juan & Araceli Rosa Colon July 18, 1991

June's First Degree

A 1st Degree initiation ceremony was held in the council hall on June 10th for five new Brother Knights, four from our Council and one from Our Lady of Grace Council.



New members of Pope John XXIII Council Knights of Columbus, after taking their 1st Degree. Pictured from left are: Joseph McCernan, Christopher Cloud, GK Jack McLaughlin, Gerard Valvo and Stephen



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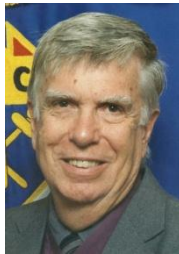
Retention

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CMBA Report

Mike Flood, President

The sale of the hall and property is moving along, with another interested party talking to our realtor. Fr. Jose is talking to the Bishop to get the Diocese to commit to the purchase before another party makes a bid. Keep tuned for further information as it develops.



I wish to thank Al Frisch & Frank Stanton for turning out at for our last work party. I did not realize how much junk we had accumulated over the years, much of which need to be discarded. I plan on having monthly work party's on the second Saturday of each month until we can get both properties cleaned up and the council property moved from the hall to the house on Prospect Dr. We still have the trophy cabinets and all the trophies to move as well as outside yard work. There are bushes that need trimming, vines that need to be pulled, grass to cut, and the parking lot needs to be cleaned.

The next work day is July 11th beginning at 9 AM. We plan to work until around 1PM, or until it gets too hot to work safely. If you can afford some time, please come down and give us a hand. Every little bit will help!

If you can make it, give me a call at 471-6381, as I plan on having burgers or hot dogs and beverages for the workers. If anyone would like to just come by and cook let me know.

Bottom line guys, is that three people just won't cut it - give us a hand if you can!

Thanks,

Mike



President Obama's Crusade Against the Unborn

Ed Cronin, (Pro Life Chairman)

The following is a letter I sent to the local papers, under my own name. I would like to share it with my brother Knights and their families.



Where will President Obama strike next? He has made no secret of his radical pro-abortion position and he has wasted no time in putting his pro-death campaign into effect. He and Speaker Nancy Pelosi have embarked on one of the most aggressive, pro-abortion agendas in the history of the United States.

Together with other abortion activists in his administration such as Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, Dept. of Health and Human Services, they have:

1. Provided federal tax dollars to fund abortions abroad by revoking the Mexico City Policy.
2. Attempted to sneak in a family planning provision in the federal Stimulus Package.
3. Provide funding for embryonic stem cell research.
4. Promised to sign the Freedom of Choice Act if passed by Congress.
5. Attacking the Conscience Clause that protects doctors and other health workers from being forced to participate in the crime of abortion.

The president and his cohorts are fond of asserting the sanctity of life while at the same time defending abortion. In his ill advised speech at Notre Dame Univ., the president again stated he wanted to reduce the number of abortions in the U.S. He seems to have no sense of shame and is not aware of the gross hypocrisy of his statements.

MR. PRESIDENT - you cannot reduce the number of abortions at the same time you are providing tax money to pay for them.

**Ed Cronin
Sebring, FL**

Insurance Corner

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal organization with insurance programs only available to members!

IRA's - Are you planning on leaving your IRA/401k to your spouse/loved ones?



Pension - Does your pension and social security die when you die? Is your spouse expected to live longer than you?

Investments - Are you tired of losing money or hardly making any money with the banks?

IRA ROLLOVER - What about a LIFE INSURANCE ROLLOVER?

Actually it's called a 1035 exchange and it has helped many people get more coverage and sometimes even eliminate the bill.

3.75% GET YOUR ATTENTION
Risk free even better. No fees, expenses or commissions. It doesn't get better than the K of C.

LTC - Are you prepared to pay \$50,000 a year for long term care expenses? Does \$1,500 a year sound better? Call for details.

Financial planning isn't just for the young. Retirees need to plan to. For over 10 years I've served as the K of C advisor. I work exclusively for you. Utilize my expertise.

If you don't have a plan, the government has a plan for you. My plan is better.

**Make an appointment with
Mike McDonough 941-228-5656**

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Navigator's Report

Dick Carlson, Faithful Navigator

Thank you for electing me as your Faithful Navigator. It will be my privilege to serve you. Our new Color Corps Commander is PFN Al Phillips. I'm sure he will expect us to fall out when necessary to serve.

Please continue to give your support to Al as Faithful Comptroller and myself as Faithful Navigator.

Our next meeting will be in September. The location is uncertain, but we will let you all know in plenty of time. Have a wonderful summer. Stay well, healthy, and enjoy!

God Bless,

Dick

Letter from the Seminarian Assembly 1723 is Supporting

Dear Knights,

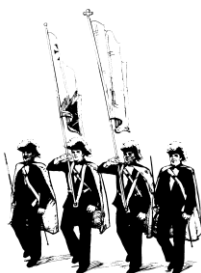
This is Eric Scanlan and I am a seminarian for the Diocese of Venice. I would like to express my great thankfulness to you, the Knights of Columbus of Sebring and let you know how much I and my family appreciate your donation towards my seminary education. I have just finished the sixth year of my collegiate studies, and as the oldest of eleven children, the costs and loans add up quickly.

I have just finished with my philosophy studies as a member of the PreTheologate at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH. I was blessed to spend two years there and I greatly value the experience as both a Catholic and seminarian. It has been a time of great growth for me, and God has poured out so many blessings upon my time at the school. Although I will miss the good friends I have made here, I am excited to begin major seminary this Fall at the North American College in Rome, and with Our Lady's help continue to pursue and discern the vocation of the priesthood.

Once again, I thank you so much, and I will keep you in my prayers(as much as I can remember too!). May God bless you for the many gifts you have shared with the Church, and for supporting the education of future priests all over country.

Sincerely,

Eric Scanlon





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