

Knights in Action

Pope John XXIII Council #5441

Avon Park & Sebring, FL

June 2007

Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights,

Activities and events for Fraternal Year 2006/2007:



1. Presented savings bonds to two children born in Sebring on Columbus Day.

2. Celebrated Columbus day with the playing of Columbus's story at CCD classes.

3. Distributed Columbus story coloring books to CCD classes and local day school.

4. Sponsored a welcome back dinner for our working members.

5. Sponsored our first half day retreat with lunch where the Honorable P. Estrada spoke on our U.S. Constitution and in God We Trust. Hosted by Deacon Jim.

6. Open snack bar in partnership with the Desoto Fire Company at their haunted house.

7. Joined St. Catherine Church in their Lady of Fatima celebration.

8. Held Corporate Mass every 5th Sunday, with Mass and breakfast at Knight's hall.

9. Worked during the year for "the boys of Battery B" in Sebring, with phone cards and personal items sent to Iraq.

10. Started a blood bank account for the Knights of Columbus in honor of our members.

11. Membership drive for new members with an open house at the Council Hall.

12. Mass for our deceased members of the Knights of Columbus with a breakfast

13. October Fest Party with German food, band, wondering musicians, cash bar.

14. Christ in Christmas week end, train show by Sebring train club, snack bar open, Santa with photos, held a party for children's home, giving a gift certificate for each child to do their own Christmas shopping.

15. Mall booth on community day working for the Right for Life, with give-aways for all.

16. Charity Bingo games yielded several thousand dollars to support our local charities.

17. Hosted the Girl Scout leaders dinner, the Veterans Ball of Highlands county, and Ms. Dewberry foundation art classes for charity in Florida.

18. Hosted Council and District Youth Free Throw contest.

19. Hosted Florida State Knights of Columbus soccer shootout.

20. Wedding vows renewal ceremony preformed by Father Grogan for our members and other Catholic couples.

21. Rosary for the Unborn Child with a lunch at our council .

22. Super Bowl football game on our big screen in the big hall, wonderful TV show.

23. Scholarship Endowment Fund created at SFCC funded by a \$4,000 donation from the council and \$2,400 by individual members in memory of loved ones. The \$6,200 total will be matched by the State.

24. Tootsie roll drive collecting money at stores for charities.

25. Started Sunday brunch every fourth Sunday at the hall for members and guests.

I'm stopping at 25 activities ... there are more. **Interested in 2007-08 council year? Become active in your council, if you're not now!**

God Bless,

Don Schnoor, GK

Deacon's Corner

There will be no article this month from our Deacon.

For those of you that do not know, Deacon Jim and Mary Rose unexpectedly lost their daughter Sheila McGarry Roy on May 10th, her 39th birthday.

On behalf of the members of Pope John XXIII Council, we offer our deepest condolences to Jim and Mary Rose and will keep them and Sheila in our prayers.

Council 5441 Officers



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Council Officers for 2007/2008

The following officers were elected at the May business meeting for fraternal year 2007-2008:

Grand KnightDon Schnoor, GK
Deputy Grand Knight.....Richard Carlson
ChancellorWilliam Reagan
Recorder.....Jack McLaughlin, FDD
Treasurer.....Raymond LaCount
Advocate.....Jim Hollywood
Warden.....Mike Basile*
Inside Guard.....John Schumacher
Outside Guard.....Modesto Diaz
Trustee - 3 year.....Joseph Grecko
Trustee - 1 year.....Raymond Goers

** Mike Basile was elected to temporarily fill the Warden position until Paul Stephens received his 3rd Degree. By the June Business Meeting, Paul will have done so, and will be nominated for Warden for the 2007/2008 Fraternal Year. At the meeting nominations will be open for any other nominations from the floor, for Warden, prior to the election.*

July 4th Picnic

There will be a picnic at the hall beginning at 5 PM on July 4th. The council will provide burgers, brats and dogs. Price of admission is a covered dish/family. If your last name begins with A-M bring salads (dinner, potato, macaroni), and if your last name begins with N-Z bring desserts. The bar will be open. Call Mike or Mary Basile for reservations (382-4550).

Gifts for Veterans

Mike Basile, Veterans Chairman

Memorial Day is here once again and it is appropriate to remember our veterans who have given so much for us. The Knights of Columbus are collecting personal hygiene products and gift items for veterans in VA hospitals.

We ask you on behalf of all hospitalized veterans, both men and women, to contribute personal hygiene products, i.e. soap, shaving cream, razors, shampoo, brushes and combs, nail clippers and nail files, as well as feminine hygiene products. New underwear and pajamas would be appreciated as well. Small gift items are always welcome, such as are prepaid telephone cards, note paper, pens, postage stamps, and new or used books.

Drop off donations at the Hall on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday nights through June 15th. On behalf of all veterans we thank you in advance for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

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Youth

Volunteer Needed

District Deputy

Worthy Brothers,

Congratulations to the following brothers who took their 2nd Degree on May 15th in Winter Haven: John Bock; Brum Paul Stephens; and Ronnie Sliwicki. Ronnie also was awarded the Seth Spiegle Scholarship in the amount of \$500.



I also congratulate all the newly elected officers for the fraternal year 2007-2008.

It is now official that Sacred Heart Council 8017 in Okeechobee has been merged with St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Council 11284 in Buckhead Ridge.

There will be a 3rd Degree on Saturday June 2nd in Lakeland. Candidates should wear coat and tie and arrive by noon. Contact Joe Blanco DD#33 863-619-8035 or joebl46@tampabay.rr.com for complete information.

Just a reminder that the 39th Knights of Columbus Annual International Golf Tournament will be in Titusville June 11th-15th.

June 14th is Flag Day - everyone should be displaying their flags on this day.

June 17th is Fathers Day. Here is an opportunity to recognize all those we call "Father" by having some function to thank the Priests and Deacons for all they do for us.

Our recruitment efforts should continue until June 25th in order to receive credit toward this year's goal. After that date new members will be credited to the 2008 goals.

As Vice President of the Florida State Golfing Association, here is advance information on the 52nd Annual Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held at The Links at Greenfield Plantation Bradenton, FL. October 6 and 7, 2007. The host is

DeSoto Council 5604. The complete golf package for participants is \$130.00 and for ladies \$85.00. More information will be available at the Annual Meeting and additional mailings in mid July

Columbiettes

Sister Columbiettes,

Congratulations to the officers elected for 2007-2008.



President - Alma Almeida
Past President - Adele Markland,
Vice-President - Marie Carlson,
Secretary - Beth Caracaus,
Financial Secretary - Carmel Cano
Treasurer - Carolyn Stoner
Sentinel - Rita DelaFlora.

We welcome and congratulate our new sister Columbiette Betty Fairfield who took her 1st Degree on May 8th.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all my board members and chairpersons who have once again supported me this year. Thank you to Lucille Hebert - Telephone Chairperson, Sophie Bradford - Publicity, Donna Mazzei - Historian, Beth Caracaus - Fashion Show Chairperson, and Carrie Furgala - Sunshine Chairperson for their continued support this next year.

If anyone would like to be the Chairperson for the Abused Children fundraiser please contact me over the summer.

Prayers and Thanksgiving to our Military men and women, and our Charter and Honorary members. Special prayers for all Sister Columbiettes for a safe and healthy summer. Birthday wishes to all those born in June.

Fraternally,

Alma

Respect Life & Pro Life Activities

Ed Cronin, Pro Life Chairman

Pope John Paul II appointed Supreme Knight Carl Anderson to the Pontifical Academy for Life in 1998. In his recent remarks to the Academy and to Supreme Knight Anderson, Pope Benedict XVI said Christians must confront the continual attacks against the right to life. Guaranteeing the right to life for everyone is a duty upon which the future of humanity depends.



The Knights of Columbus has always – and must always – be loyal to the Holy Father and Holy Mother Church. Our Order has a long and proud history of being in the forefront of the Pro Life Movement. Our council has also been active in this movement. We have increased these activities each year, never more so than in the Fraternal Year 2006/2007. So that our members and the Catholic community can be aware of this vital apostolate, the following is a brief summary of how we have complied with the Holy Father's directions:

PRO-LIFE PROJECTS

1. Teen Expo – Lakeshore Mall, May 2006 – Displayed Pro-Life and Teen Abstinence booth. Distributed refrigerator magnets, pencils and pens, bumper stickers, etc.
2. Annual Rosary for the Day of the Unborn Child – March 26, 2007
3. Co-sponsor Our Lady of Fatima Rosary and procession for the unborn.
4. Financial support to Project Gabriel.
5. Financial support to Mrs. Potter's Home for Girls.
6. Prayers for Unborn Children at every meeting.
7. Savings Bonds for 1st babies born

(See "Pro Life" on Page 4)

Insurance Corner

**THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS IS A
CATHOLIC MEN'S
FRATERNAL ORGAN-
IZATION WITH
INSURANCE PRO-
GRAMS ONLY AVAIL-
ABLE TO MEMBERS!**



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 following three steps; (1) Call 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!

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

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

(Pro Life – from Page 3)

in Highlands County on Columbus Day – October 2006.

RESPECT LIFE PROJECTS

1. Hosted Teen Summit, co-sponsored by Highlands County Health Dept. and the Highlands County School District. Required discussion of physical and sexual maturity for 8th grade girls - a "Coming of Age" seminar.
2. Christmas Party for children from the Children's Home Society.
3. Coalition for Life Leadership Meeting sponsored by the Diocese of Venice, Respect Life Department – April 28, 2007.
4. Financial support for Highlands County Safe House for battered women and children.
5. Financial support for Covenant House – refuge for runaway teenagers.
6. Financial support for New Testament Mission and donations of surplus foods – February/March 2007.
7. Children's Advocacy Center – Donation of surplus teddy bears at Christmas.
8. Blood Drive – October 12, 2006.

These Men They Call Knights, Father McGivney's Knights, take Christ into the world. For 125 years we have been living his response as Knights of Columbus by providing witness to the reality of the Gospels of Life through our works of charity, unity and fraternity.

Council Hosts Teen Summit

Ed Cronin, Pro Life Chairman

Our council hosted the Teen Summit for 8th grade girls from Hill-Gusdt Middle School on April 12th. The Teen Summit is a program directed toward young girls and is a very frank discussion of sexuality and its effect on their lives. Discussions, led by health and psychological professionals, covers family values, drugs and alcohol, STD, AIDS and

other health and psychological problems. A particularly effective segment is a presentation by young mothers who tell of their hard experiences of giving birth so early in life, drug and alcohol abuse, and the problems of single motherhood.

Teen Summit is a program co-sponsored by Highlands County Health Dept. (Teen Pregnancy Prevention's Alliance) < Highlands County School District, Tri-County Social Services and other social service agencies. Participation is mandatory for all 8th grade girls in the school district. The point of the program is to impress on these teen and preteen girls, on the threshold of maturity, the importance and significance of treating their bodies with respect and intelligence.

Teen abstinence and respect life concerns are an important part of this program and are also hallmarks of the Knights of Columbus. We were asked to provide a hall for the event and to serve lunch for 125 girls and teachers. We also provided teen abstinence materials to the girls, e.g. wrist bracelets and pencils with abstinence messages and cards with come-back answers to come-on lines.

This event gave us a wonderful chance to bring Christ into the community. It was also an opportunity to publicly demonstrate to the Catholic community and the community at large, that this is what Catholic men and women, through the Knights of Columbus, can accomplish. It is also a compliment to the council in that we are recognized by some in the community as a force in support of Teen Abstinence and Respect Life movements.

CMBA Directors

Bill Reagan was elected to the Board of Directors of the CMBA at the May meeting. ***There is still a vacancy if any council member is interested in serving their council contact the Grand Knight or a CMBA or Council Officer.***

Around the Council

Friday's are Bistro Meal & Movie Night at the Council Hall

As mentioned in the Grand Knight's article in the May issue of the council newsletter, the hall is now open on Friday evenings from 5:00 PM until 11:00 PM. Each Friday night we will serve a different bistro-type meal (i.e. BBQ chicken, meatball subs, shepherds pie, lasagna, Sloppy Joe's, etc.) and the bar will be open serving soft drinks, beer and wine. The meals that will be offered in June and July are on the calendar, and are reasonably priced at only \$5.00, with beverages between \$0.75 and \$2.00. Attendance so far has been good, but there is room for more. Bring your wife and invite potential new members or just your friends. ***Tipping for the food service is encouraged!***

Beginning June 1st we will show a movie (DVD) on the new projection screen system at 7:00 PM each Friday night. We will mix the movies (action films, romantic comedies, etc.) on a weekly basis. The films for June are also on the calendar. If the movie is a "chick flick" that doesn't interest you but your wife would enjoy, maybe Friday night cards would be more appealing.

This is a pretty cheap date night – meal for two with wine or beer for \$15-\$16 ... ***gotta be the best deal in town!***

June Birthdays

Jerome A. Lesniak	03	Stephen J. Ashley PGK	14	John M. Zabkar	20
Robert S. Glaab	04	John F. O'Sullivan Jr	15	George V. Huter	21
Andrew M. Mish	08	John T. Griffin	18	John F. O'Sullivan PGK	22
Richard J. Flis	08	Juan Rosa Colon	19	Helen Urbanski	22
Rev. Mr. James McGarry	11	Ruben Ayala	20	Edward King	28

June Anniversary's

Edgar R. & Diane M. Cronin
Albert G. & Carole J. Dumbleton

June 22, 1957
June 30, 1956



One of the presenters at the Teen Summit addresses the girls at the Teen Summit held at our council hall on April 12th. Many thanks to the loyal workers who provided the lunch and helped with setting up the hall: GK Don Schnoor, Bill Fields, Paul and Maureen Stephens, Ed and Diane Cronin, Ann Flanagan and Andy Mish.

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3	4 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	5 7 PM 4th Deg	6 5:45 PM Bingo	7	8 5 PM Bar Open 5:30 PM Sloppy Joe's 7 PM Movie - Seabiscuit	9
10	11 KC International Golf Tournament (Titusville) 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	12 7 PM Council Mtg	13 5:45 PM Bingo	14 Flag Day	15 5 PM Bar Open 5:30 PM Sheppard's Pie 7 PM Movie - American Beauty	16
17 Father's Day	18 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	19	20 5:45 PM Bingo	21	22 5 PM Bar Open 5:30 PM Meatball Subs 7 PM Movie - True Lies	23
24 9 AM Brunch & Social	25 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	26 7 PM CMBA Mtg	27 5:45 PM Bingo	28	29 5 PM Bar Open 5:30 PM BBQ Chicken 7 PM Movie - Notting Hill	30

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