

Knights in Action

Pope John XXIII Council #5441

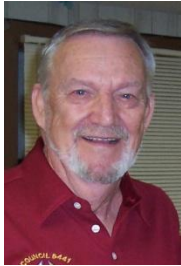
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May 2007

Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights,

The 11th month as Grand Knight is here, and it has been a lot of up's mixed with a few downs. A great but small number of Knights and their Ladies, along with several Columbiettes did a lot of good works for the Council this Fraternal Year, and I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart. You have made this council a better place.



We have been told by people exposed to our council that they always wondered what a Knight was, they recognize what we are doing in the local area. **You are making a difference!** I have been told by more than one organizational leader in the county that our council is making an impression with their contributions and making the Highlands a better place. Thanks to our active members who show their goodness in action to the world - I'm sure Fr. McGivney is pleased! God Bless our active members, from the members that make phone call, to those that can repair the building I thank you all.

As the end of the Fraternal Year approaches it is a great time to look back at all that we have accomplished as a council this year. Each of you should be proud of the many contributions that you have made through your hours of service to the order. All that we have accomplished would not be possible without the hours that you contribute to make our organization as great as it is. Having said that, we can always do better. If you are not among the men and women that make

everything happen at Pope John XXIII council, consider getting involved. Your service one night a month at Bingo, your help at one dinner or dance, your help with any of our church, youth, family, council, or community events would make a significant difference. **Make time to contribute your talents to our wonderful organization!**

As you can see on the next page, we will be electing our leadership for the next Fraternal Year at the May 8th Business Meeting. If you would like to be an officer and lead this council for the next year let one someone know – nominations will be taken from the floor prior to voting for any of the officers. If you would like to assist a Program Chairman please notify him – they are listed on page 2 of this newsletter. **Get involved – it is your council!**

We've tried many new things this year – some successful, and others not quite. Your council officers and program directors are always interested in new events or just to make events better. **Give us your input!**

As you may have noted, the council hall is now open on Friday nights as a social event. The bar is open from 5:00 PM and a deli-style meal will be offered each Friday night. Bring your wife, friends and neighbors and come down and check it out! If there is sufficient interest we may have movies, play cards or board games or just shoot the breeze for an hour or two. **Give it a try – you may enjoy yourself!**

Don Schnoor, GK

Deacon's Corner



Dear Brothers;

This Easter we had the experience of reflecting on Jesus' victory, as in "Good over Evil." I wanted to share with you a few of the insights I have had within my studies. I have thought about how our society has constantly bombarded us with the theme "Good versus Evil." A popular theme in many movies is the battle between good and evil. The "Evil" forces want all the power, so they hunt for those who side with the "Good" to destroy them. That is who we are supposed to be as representatives of the Knight's, the "Good." Those involved in doing God's command "Love".

Every day each of us faces a very real battle. Satan never wearies of trying to assert his power by drawing us away from Jesus. If we try to spend time in prayer, a host of

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Council Officer Nominations

The following list of candidates for fraternal year 2007-2008 was presented to the Grand Knight at the April 10th Business meeting. Any 3rd Degree Knight may be nominated from the floor at the election meeting, which will be held on May 8th at 7:00 PM. ***Please attend this meeting and exercise your right to select the officers that will lead your council for the next year.***

Nominees

Grand KnightDon Schnoor, GK
Deputy Grand Knight.....Richard Carlson
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Recorder.....Jack McLaughlin, FDD
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Trustee - 1 yearRaymond Goers

The Financial Secretary is appointed by Supreme, and the Lecturer by the Grand Knight. The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Trustees select the Chaplain.

CMBA Members & Directors

All members of Pope John XXIII Council No. 5441 of the Knights of Columbus, in good standing, are members of the Catholic Men's Business Association, Inc. (CMBA). Each January the members elect a Trustee for a three-year term.

The CMBA is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine Directors. The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and three Trustees are ex-officio members; that is, they hold the position by virtue of their office. The other four Directors are elected by the membership at the January CMBA meeting each year.

During the CMBA portion of the April 10th council meeting two new Directors were elected to fill the CMBA board. Since that time three CMBA Directors have resigned and must be replaced so that the CMBA can perform its required functions.

The CMBA, through the Board of Directors and its membership, is responsible for the operation of the physical plant, while the Council conducts Knights of Columbus business. This includes building upkeep and rentals, payment of bills, maintenance of the property, etc.

It is imperative that we replace the three Directors that have resigned, and will do so at the next council meeting. If you are willing to step up notify the Grand Knight as soon as possible.

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402-0423

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784-7444

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Dick Carlson
471-2134

Community

Andy Mish
402-1402

Council

Don Sliwicki, DD
402-0423

Family

Volunteer Needed

Youth

Volunteer Needed

District Deputy

Worthy Brothers,

I trust everyone enjoyed celebrating the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday and are eagerly looking forward to Divine Mercy Sunday.



Congratulations to Kevin and all the members of the Council's 1st Degree Team and the Brother Knights who attended the degree on March 27th. It was regrettable that we had only one candidate, but I'm sure that we will have many more in the future. The team has improved and I hope they will continue to practice and memorize their parts.

The Handicapped drive," Tootsie Roll", has ended and it appears that we did quite well. The chairman will give his report elsewhere in this newsletter.

On March 31st the Highlands County Veterans Council sponsored their first Highlands County Military Ball. The attendance was very good and it was nice to see all the guests in formal attire. The ceremonies were well timed and the food was very good. If you missed this event schedule early to attend next year.

Nominations for next years officers were read at our April 10th meeting and voting will take place at the May 8th meeting. I congratulate those members who have been nominated and agreed to serve their council. I wish to remind you that nominations from the floor can still be made at the May meeting. I would also encourage those nominated to read the by-laws to fully understand what their respective duties will be. There are more details in the Supreme by-laws in the section devoted to local councils. I also encourage you to read the Protocol booklet.

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Columbiettes

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

Another fantastic year is soon coming to an end. All of you who have worked so hard this year should be very proud of what we have accomplished. We are a great auxiliary and are highly regarded throughout the state of Florida. We must continue to keep this auxiliary strong despite any obstacles that may come our way.



I would like to thank all sister Columbiettes who helped with the Tootsie Roll drive.

Prayers and Thanksgiving to all our Military men and women, and our Charter and Honorary members. Special prayers for Faith & Bill Reagan, Audre Schmidt, to all our Sister Columbiettes who have moved away from us, and Mary Ann Estgen.

Birthday Wishes to all those born in May. **HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL!!!**

Our next meeting is May 8th.

This is a final reminder, if anyone has any old cell phones or empty inkjet cartridges please bring them to our last meeting.

"A HUG IS A GIFT, ONE SIZE FITS ALL"

Fraternally,

Alma

Join Us



Pro Life

Annual Rosary for the Unborn Child – a great success!

In cooperation with all other councils throughout the Order, we held the annual rosary for the Unborn Child on Monday, March 26th, the Feast of the Annunciation.



For more than 30 years the Knights have been in the forefront of the Right to Life Movement. In a recent interview with Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, the Holy Father, said the right to life "must be supported by every-one because it is fundamental with respect to human rights."

Sixty Knights, Columbiettes, spouses and other family members and friends came to the hall and prayed to Jesus, through Mary, on behalf of all unborn children, an all time high number of participants.

The number of participants this year is almost double our previous high of thirty-six. We are very grateful to all who came and to those who could not come, but promised to pray a rosary for the Unborn Children, on that day. The Luminous Mysteries were chosen for the rosary to honor the late Pope John Paul II, author of the Luminous Mysteries, because of his devotion and leadership of the Respect Life Movement.

Thanks to Grand Knight Don Schnoor and his helpers, a great lunch was served after the rosary. Most people stayed for the lunch and companionship of like-minded Catholics, who share their thoughts and ideals on the Pro-Life Movement. This activity exemplifies the principals of the Knights of Columbus, i.e. Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

***Ed Cronin
Pro Life Chairman***

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

Deacon Jim – (from Page 1)

distractions arise to interfere. If we face the challenge to love a struggling family member, we are suddenly reminded of all their faults. If we are sick, we are barraged with fearful thoughts. We feel weak, temptation is breathing down our necks.

The world is filled with many self-help programs. They start with the basic premise that if we just adopt certain activities, change our way of thinking, and bring order into our life we will be successful. There is some merit to these programs, for vigilant effort on our part is necessary to recognize that there is a spiritual battle going on as well. To know victory in this battle, as Jesus did, we have to learn to fight with spiritual weapons.

What weapons has God given us? He has given us the truth of scripture. He has given us the privilege of prayer. He has given us the power of the **Cross and the blood of Christ**. He has given us one another and the whole body of **Christ**, which is the Church. He has given us the **Holy Spirit**.

Jesus promised that the Spirit shows us the way out of temptation. He fills our minds with truth and cast out the lies and subtle half-truths of the devil. So my Brother Knights, never give up hope in the midst of a battle! **Stay connected with the Spirit, and you will not fall!**

Deacon Jim



District Deputy – (from Page 3)

This year the Knights will join America's Fraternal Benefit Society in celebrating JOIN HANDS DAY on May 5th. This is an opportunity for young and old alike to come together to aid their local church, families, youth, and community. More information is available at www.joinhandsday.org.

May 13th is Mothers Day. This is a wonderful time to remember both your maternal and spiritual mothers. An extra rosary is an outstanding gift which costs nothing but a few minutes of prayer.

The Florida State 103rd Annual Convention will be held May 25th-27th at the Renaissance Sea World Hotel in Orlando.

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

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.

Faternally,

Don Sliwicki DD #40

Highlands County Military Ball

Mike Basile, Veterans Chairman

I want to thank all of the Knights and Columbiettes that came to the military ball. It was a nice event for the first year and I'm sure it will get better in the future as we learn from our mistakes. A special thanks to Andy & Diane Mish, Jack McLaughlin, John Schumacher, Ann Flanagan, Alvina Beyer, Maureen Martin, Loretta Schnoor John & Joy Garrison for all of their help, and a special thanks to my wife Mary.

Around the Council

Council 5441's Newest Member

At a 1st Degree Ceremony on March 27th, Ronnie Sliwicki became the newest member of Council 5441. The photo at the right was taken at the conclusion of the degree. Pictured from left to right in the rear row are: Degree Team Warden Mike McLeod; Degree Team Grand Knight and Degree Team Captain Kevin Bouffard, Degree Team Chancellor Steve Ashley; Grand Knight Don Schnoor; and Degree Team Financial Secretary Jack McLaughlin, FDD. In the front row from the left are District Deputy Don Sliwicki, Ronnie Sliwicki, and Degree Team Deputy Grand Knight Ed Tomek, PGK.



May Birthdays

Peter W. Leahy, Jr	03	Edward J. Cassidy	11	Paul B. Stephens	22
Mary J. Cassidy	05	Very Rev George Ratzmann	12	Gerald M. Hollywood, PGK	22
Daniel H. Preston	08	Dennis R. Berard	14	John S. O'Connell	29
Janice Drury	09	Richard Siver	15	Ernest E. Hansel	31
Hibbard H. Pudvah	10	G Frederick Layton	20		



Rudolph & Marianne Cecer	May 13, 1960
Paul & Marlene von Merveldt	May 18, 1974
Robert & Delores Kucinski	May 20, 1961
Gordon & Elaine Flynn	May 24, 1973
Donald F. & Loretta Schnoor	May 25, 2000
Edward J. & Mary J. Cassidy	May 27, 1940
Gerald & Helen Minard	May 29, 1947
Frank & Irene Garappolo	May 30, 1953

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

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!

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is the second Sunday of the Easter season. It was named by Pope John Paul II at the canonization of St. Maria Faustina on April 30, 2000, and then officially decreed by the Vatican. The Divine Mercy Hour of Prayer was held at St. Catherine's on April 15th. The hour-long service consisted of readings, prayers and was followed by Benediction. Cmdr. Joseph T. O'Callahan Assembly Color Corps processed the Divine Mercy Image into the church, while Pope John Paul XXIII's Ed Cronin recited the readings and Deacon Jim officiated.



Procession into St. Catherine's



Brother Ed Cronin with the readings.



**Rev. Jack Belfield blesses
the Divine Mercy Image**



Deacon Jim leads prayer service.



4th Degree Color Corps under CDR Mike Flood

4th Degree

Why should you be a member of the 4th Degree ?

The Fourth Degree is the highest and most prestigious degree within the Knights of Columbus. It is a group of outstanding Knights who are dedicated to the service of their Church, their country and our Order. These men are unified in the Fourth Degree to support religious, civic and charitable causes.

For Church ... Financially support causes addressing religious, civic and educational needs; Promote active support of the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) and funds the Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarship Program; Help restore historic cathedrals and basilicas, i.e., St. Joseph's Cathedral in Oklahoma City after the bombing; Provide honor guards for the Holy Father on his visits to the countries where the Order exists; Provide honor guards to local churches for special Masses and ceremonies.

For Country ... Sponsor programs that promote respect, knowledge and protection for national flags; Promote legislation to protect the flag as the symbol of the nation and its history; Present free flags to local churches, public and parochial schools, libraries, etc.; Place the national flag at the graves of military veterans on certain holidays; Conduct "Get Out the Vote" awareness campaign to stress the importance of voting and assist in taking home-bound citizens to the polls; Promote programs that encourage love of country and support the application of Christian principles at all levels of government; Encourage active participation in programs for Church, country and the Order; Sponsor youth essay contests geared to patriotic themes; Organize and participate in parades and public events to mark patriotic holiday and to impress the community with the visible presence of the Knights of Columbus.

And The Order ... Participate at wakes and funerals; presents a "Resolution of Condolence" to the family of a deceased member; Sponsor a program to commemorate the death of a member by presenting a memorial chalice to a priest in need; Honor veterans by volunteering at veterans hospitals, health care facilities and homes for the elderly; Conduct educational programs to enable its members to defend our faith and life in all its stages; Speak out against the culture of death, euthanasia and assisted suicide; Sponsor Columbian Squires Circles and scout troops.

Are You Qualified? To qualify for the Fourth Degree you must: Be over 18 years of age; Be a citizen of the country where you reside; Have been a Knight of Columbus for at least 12 months; Be a Third Degree member in good standing with your council.

For Membership Information contact Mike Flood or any member of Cmdr. Joseph T. O'Callahan Assembly

Cmdr. Joseph T. O'Callahan Assembly Elections

Cmdr. Joseph T. O'Callahan Assembly No. 1723 will elect their officers for the 2007-2008 Fraternal year at the 4th Degree Business meeting on May 1st. The following individuals have been submitted by the Nominating Committee, as candidates for Assembly office for the 2007/2008 Fraternal Year:

Navigator - Al Phillips
Captain - Jack McLaughlin
Pilot - Hiram Pedraza
Comptroller - Mike Flood
Scribe - Joseph Sullivan
Purser - John Schumacher

Inner Sentinel - Juan Colon
Outer Sentinel - Modesto Diaz
Admiral - Richard Carlson
3 Year Trustee - Ramon Rivera
1 Year Trustee - Mike Basile

Nominations remain open and can be made at the May meeting. If you are interested in running for any office, notify the Faithful Navigator or any Assembly Officer. Please attend this important meeting and cast your votes for your candidate of choice.

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6	7 7 PM Civil Air Patrol 7 PM KC Directors Mtg	8 7 PM Council Mtg	9 5:45 PM Bingo	10	11 5 PM Bistro Meal & Bar	12
13 <i>Mothers Day</i>	14 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	15	16 5:45 PM Bingo	17	18 5 PM Bistro Meal & Bar	19
20	21 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	22 7 PM CMBA Mtg	23 5:45 PM Bingo	24	25 5 PM Bistro Meal & Bar	26
27 9 AM Brunch & Social	28 <i>Memorial Day</i> 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	29	30 5:45 PM Bingo	31		

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