

Knights in Action

Pope John XXIII Council #5441

Avon Park & Sebring, FL

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Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights,

Our monthly Council Meetings are proving to be exciting, if nothing else. This time, it was nearly a "donnybrook" over a request for a donation up to \$3,000 from the council for the Life Teens of St. Catherine's. We heard everything from the inclusion of Golf Tournament money, to the raffle of an automobile. We heard that the Life Teens are the potential future of our Council and that of the Columbiettes. We also heard that the Life Teens have not participated in any program with or for the Council.



work, think, and pray together for a brighter future for our Council.

The April breakfast at Our Lady of Grace certainly reflected the exodus of our snow-bird friends. We served 280 people (down from 436 in March). We will provide a breakfast on Sunday, May 4th, and then skip June, July, and August. Plans are to resume the program in September.

We wish all our friends who are leaving a safe passage and a joyous summer. May God bless and keep us diligent in our efforts for our Council.

Dick Carlson, GK

District Deputy

My Brothers All:

I have attended most of the Council meetings in my District during this Fraternal Year, and have noted that all of the meeting facilities were properly arranged to conduct the business of the Council. In addition, I've provided support to the District's hospitality and social activities which were enjoyed by all in attendance.



I have attended a few functions throughout the District, including installations, and sadly, a number of funerals for our members and their families. It is great to see our Brothers in action, meeting every challenge and recognizing the contributions of all our Brothers and their families.

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Upcoming Events

- May 4th - OLG Breakfast
- May 6th - 4th Deg Mtg (7 PM)
Lake Placid Council Hall
- May 13th - Council Mtg (7PM)
- May 13th - Columbiette Mtg (7PM)
- May 20th - 1st Degree (8PM)
- May 23-25th - State Convention
- May 27th - CMBA Mtg (7PM)



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May Birthdays

Robert G. White	01	Eugenia T. Pieracini	11
Peter W. Leahy Jr	03	V. Rev. George Ratzmann	12
Mary J. Cassidy	05	Dennis R. Berard	14
Mary Brosi	06	Richard A. Siver	15
Elizabeth Caracus	07	G. Frederick Layton	20
Daniel H. Preston	08	Paul B. Stephens	22
Janice A Drury	09	John S. O'Connell	29
Hibbard H. Pudvah	10	Ernest E. Hansel	31
Edward J. Cassidy	11		

May Anniversaries

Rudolph & Marianne Cecere	May 13, 1960
Paul & Marlene B. Von Merveldt	May 18, 1974
Robert & Delores Kucinski	May 20, 1961
Gordon & Elaine Flynn	May 24, 1973
Henry & Eugenia Pieracini	May 26, 1948
Edward & Mary J. Cassidy	May 27, 1940
Donald & Loretta Schnoor	May 28, 1958
Gerald & Helen H. Minard	May 29, 1947

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- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!



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NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

(District Deputy from Page 1)

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you and the Florida State Council as your District Deputy. It has been a challenging and rewarding job. I have made many friends and traveled to all the five Councils of my District.

I would also like to thank the membership coordinators for going above and beyond in their duties to make sure that every Council reached its membership quota. Many thanks, to all the individual Knights, who have brought a new member into our ranks. Your help is greatly appreciated, without everyone working together there would be no team! Remember, membership is everyone's business.

Go for the Star: During this final push towards the end of the Fraternal Year on June 30, 2008, make sure that your council has achieved the requirements to qualify for the Father McGivney, Founders', Columbian and Star Council Awards.

There are no application forms for the Father McGivney and Founders' awards.

The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and Service Program activities. To be eligible to earn the Star Council Award, a council must qualify for all three other awards.

To qualify for these awards, a council must have submitted its survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) and it's Service Program Personnel Report (#365). Other eligibility requirements are:

Columbian Award: Complete and submit the Columbian Award Application (SP7) found in the Council Report Forms Booklet (#1436) or at www.kofc.org/forms. Councils must conduct and report at least four major programs in each of the Service Program categories: Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth. Completed applications

must reach Supreme Council office by June 30, 2008.

Special insurance offer available to Knights: Supreme Knight Carl Anderson recently mailed a very special offer to all members in the United States and Canada between the ages of 18 and 65. The "new member plan," a low-cost permanent life insurance product, is normally available only to new members and their wives when they join the Order. For a limited time, in connection with the 125th anniversary of the Order, the plan is being made available to existing members as well.

Council officers serve their members well by promoting the Order's insurance program at every opportunity, working closely with your general and field agent to make sure your members are fully aware of the outstanding products offered.

For your information, at last year's annual State Convention, a resolution restoring "Born and Unborn" to our recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance the Florida council instructed its subordinate councils that the PHRASE "Born and Unborn" be re-instituted in use in meetings and convocations of Knights and their families. This resolution was proposed and approved by a majority of a quorum of members of this council at the business meeting of March 12, 2007.

May God Bless each of you!

Hiram Pedraza, DD#43

4th Degree Meeting

Jack McLaughlin, Faithful Captain

In accordance with our By-Laws we will elect officers for the 2008-2009 Fraternal Year at the May 6th business meeting in Lake Placid. We will car pool down - leaving the Hall at 6:30 PM. Please attend!

Jack

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Columbiettes

Sister Columbiettes,

Thank you to all who helped at the breakfast in April.

Marie Carlson has been nominated for President, Mary Stefanakos for Vice-President, Patty Meegen for Secretary and Anne Flanagan for Sentinel. Carmel Cano will remain as Financial Secretary and Carolyn Stoner Treasurer.



May 4th - Breakfast at Our Lady of Grace

May 13th - Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Thanksgiving and Prayers for our Military Men & Women and our Charter & Honorary members.

Special Prayers for MaryAnn Estgen, Helen Minard, Patty Meegan, Loretta Schnoor and Doris Bright.

Birthday Wishes to all of you born in May

Fraternally

Alma

Tootsie-Roll Drive

Jack McLaughlin, Chairman

Thank you to all of our Council members, wives and Columbiettes that supported this year's Tootsie Roll Drive for the Handicapped. Many of you worked multiple shifts and helped cover, on short notice, for those that cancelled or just could not make it!

Because of your help, you raised \$3,732.13 that will go to Ridge Area ARC and Special STARS, as you voted in the February business meeting.

Jack

WE DID IT !

Veterans Corner

Mike Basile, Veterans Chairman

The winner of the five day - four night cruise to the Bahamas was Paul Staik, and I sold the winning ticket. There were 200 tickets sold, which paid for the cruise and the benches for the Medal of Honor Park in downtown Sebring.



There will be a ceremony on Memorial Day (May 26th) at 12.00 noon on the circle in downtown Sebring honoring our veterans who gave their lives so that we can enjoy our freedom. Our guest speaker will likely be Sheriff Susan Benton. Everyone is invited to come to the ceremony.

Please take time this Memorial Day to remember our veterans, both past and present.

God Bless America !

Mike

Good of the Order

Pray for the soul of Arthur Dupree and Art Paek, deceased members of our Council that have died and gone to their eternal reward. Pray also for the soul of Father Jose's mother Maria, James Edward Sheehan, Jr., brother of Fr. Sheehan, and Stephen White, son of Steve White and brother of Mike White, all who have died recently.

Remember in your prayers and thoughts Loretta Schnoor recovering from a stroke; Rufus Bonifas recovering from surgery; Rudy Cecere, FN Al Phillips, Hibbard Pudvah, Bill Reagan and Ray Whitlatch who are ill.

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.

Insurance Corner

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

Why should you do business with the Knights of Columbus instead of a commercial insurance company?



RATINGS only 5 out of over 2000 life insurance companies can say that they always received the highest possible ratings from A.M Best, Standard & Poor's, and IMSA. Of those six, the only non-profit organization was the Knights of Columbus.

FINANCIAL STRENGTH the K of C solvency ratio (assets to liabilities) has always come in between 115% to 120%. One of the highest in the industry.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES after we pay our guaranteed interest and dividends, we still were able to give \$22.3 million in surplus profits to our charities.

FRATERNAL BENEFITS many of the benefits we provide for our members in need are financed by the insurance program. Free accidental death coverage for member and spouse has already paid out over \$5 million since 1994. For our Police, Fire and Military members, we pay for their children's Catholic college if that Brother dies in the line of duty due to criminal violence or armed conflict.

SERVICE Mike McDonough joined the K of C 20 years ago when he was 18. He's a Brother Knight that you can trust and feel comfortable will do the right thing for you and your family. When a Brother Knight or family member passes away or becomes disabled, Mike lends his expertise (free of charge) to make sure the family is provided for.

These are all great reasons why you should do business with the K of C. We offer life insurance, long term care insurance, annuities, IRA and 401k transfers and rollovers, Roth IRA's, scholarships, student loans, Church mortgages and many more benefits.

PLEASE call Brother Knight Mike McDonough today to get a financial check-up. Phone: (941)228-5656

53rd FL State Golf Tourney

Don Sliwicki, Co-Director

The 53rd Florida State Golf Tournament will be held Sep 27-28, 2008, at the Sun n' Lake Golf & Country Club. **The Council 5441, Assembly 1723, and Council 5441 Columbiettes are co-sponsoring this event and will share in the profits.**

Your help is needed to solicit donations for door prizes and "Gift Packages" for the players, as well as items for the Basket of Cheer". We are also selling for our program book. Cost is \$100 for a full page ad, \$50 for a ½ page, \$25 for a ¼ page, \$20 for business card size, and \$5 for sponsors.

If you can volunteer to solicit prizes or advertising, or if you have any questions contact Don Sliwicki (402-0423) or Jack McLaughlin (471-3295).

Don



Pope John XXIII

Our Council is named after Pope John XXIII. The following is a bio-sketch taken in large measure from the Catholic Forum webpage entry on Pope John XXIII.

Memorial 11 October Profile Italian peasant. Educated at Bergamo and the Seminario Romano, Rome. Ordained in 1904.

Secretary to the bishop of Bergamo from 1904 to 1914, during which he wrote the basis for his 5-volume biography of Saint Charles Borromeo. Served in World War I in the medical corps, and as a chaplain. Worked in Rome after the war, and reorganized the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Archbishop in 1925. Vatican diplomatic representative to Bulgaria, then Turkey, and Greece. Named papal nuncio to France in 1944 where he mediated between conservative and socially radical clergy. Cardinal and patriarch of Venice in 1953. Elected pope on 28 October 1958.

As pope, he stressed his own pastoral duties as well as those of other bishops and clergy. Promoted social reforms for workers, poor people, orphans, and the outcast. He advanced cooperation with other religions including Protestant, Greek Orthodox, Church of England, and even Shinto. In April 1959, he forbade Catholics to vote for parties supporting Communism. His encyclical *Mater et Magistra* of 14 July 1961 advocated social reform, assistance to underdeveloped countries, a living wage for all workers, and support for socialist measures that promised real benefit to society.

He nearly doubled the number of cardinals, making the college the largest in history. On 25 January 1959, he announced his intent to call a council to consider ways to renew the Church in the modern world, promote diversity within the unity of the Church, and consider reforms promoted by ecumenical and liturgical movements. Convening the council, known as Vatican II, on 11 October 1962, was the high point of his reign.

His heartiness, his overflowing love for humanity individually and collectively, and his freshness of approach to ecclesiastical affairs made John one of the best-loved popes of modern times. Birth 1881 at Sotto il Monte, Italy as Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Papal Ascension 28 October 1958 Papal Canonizations 1959: Saint Charles of Sezze 1959: Saint Joaquina de Vedruna de Mas 1960: Saint Gregory Barbarigo 1960: Saint John de Ribera 1961: Saint Bertilla Boscardin 1962: Saint Anthony Pucci 1962: Saint Francis Mary of Camporosso 1962: Saint Martin de Porres 1962: Saint Peter Julian Eymard 1963: Saint Vincent Pallotti

Died 3 June 1963 at Rome, Italy Beatified 3 September 2000 by Pope John Paul II at Saint Peter's Square, Rome Canonized pending.

Devine Mercy Sunday

The Catholic Church established the "Feast of Divine Mercy" when the Vatican made it official on April 30th in the Jubilee year 2000. Devine Mercy is the promise that Jesus Himself made for a complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on that day, even to the most terrible sinner imaginable. God in His great mercy is giving mankind a last chance for salvation.

When did Jesus make this promise and how does one get it? Jesus left all the details in a diary that He commanded Saint Faustina to write in the 1930's. It was her job to record everything that He wanted mankind to know about His mercy before He returns to judge the world. To get this great promise one has to go to Confession and then receive Holy Communion on that Feast of Divine Mercy, which has now been called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the whole Church. Jesus said, "Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary, 300) To receive Communion worthily one should be in the state of grace and without serious sin.

This year Devine Mercy Sunday occurred on March 30th and the Knights of Columbus participated in the ceremony and prayer service at St. Catherine's.



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