

Knights in Action

Pope John XXIII Council #5441

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Grand Knight's Report

Richard Carlson, PGK

My Brother Knights,

Whatever your political opinions may be, the key message from both candidates is that it is time for a change! Well, my brothers, the same message holds true for our Council. It is time for change! Change will come in the form of new leadership, new direction, new goals, and new ideas. For example, one brother suggested the sale of one-thousand-dollar bonds at eight-percent interest, with principal and interest payable upon the sale of our property. He already has offers for ten bonds! Another brother volunteered to head up the sale of "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets, another potential money maker. There should be one of these on every council member's vehicle.

During the October 14th Council meeting, a motion was passed to discontinue Bingo and close the hall on November 30, 2008. This is a month longer than what was originally proposed. Our expenses, insurance, utilities, and cost of supplies, continue to increase. Our income does not keep up with our expenses. In no way does this signal the end of our Council. We will hold our meetings in the house. No, we will not end up at either one of the parish churches. Try to think of it not as an end, but as a rebirth of our council. To those of you who have been so faithful week after week, month after month, you have my sincere thanks. Please continue

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Deacon's Corner

Rev. Mr. James McGarry

Brother Knights and Columbiettes,

The month of November is always a busy month, not only with Thanksgiving, but with many other days which cause us to reflect on our own Spirituality and others as well. We have All Saint's Day, All Souls day, Presentation of Our Blessed Mother and then at the end of the month "The beginning of Advent." With all that is going on we most assuredly will have an opportunity to end the Liturgical year "Spiritually Strong and also to begin the new liturgical year with a new RESOLVE!

The parish usually has books for Advent, which prepare us for a new beginning. It is so important that we see the light of Christ, not only by all the bright lights of the Christmas season, but also by the radiance of our own thoughts. Thanksgiving occurs just before the first week of Advent and this would be a really good time to look at ourselves and check and see what more could I have done. I am not only thinking about myself personally but also thinking about family and friends. We have so much to be thankful for and we can start by thanking all those around us, who have done things for us and will continue doing for us. The list is endless. During the Easter vigil Mass, the Pascal candle is processed into the Church, accompanied by the chant, "The Light of Christ."

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Upcoming Events

- Nov 4th - 4th Deg Mtg - Sebring
- Nov 10th - 1st Degree (8 PM)
- Nov 11th - Council Mtg (7 PM)
- Nov 11th - Columbiette Mtg
- Nov 13th - Columbiettes Fashion Show - Sebring Council Hall
- Nov 18th - OLG 10:30 Mass for deceased Columbiettes
- Nov 23/25 - 4th Deg Exemp Orlando

Financial Secretary Vacancy

The office of Financial Secretary will become vacant effective November 30, 2008. If you are willing to serve our Council in this position and wish to apply, please notify the Grand Knight.

I have enjoyed my time as your FS but now find that I can no longer occupy this position – **Mike Flood**

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November Birthdays

Raymond Kane	01	Joyce Hollywood	13
Angelo Litterio	01	Donald Schnoor, PGK	13
Victor Cockrell	02	Kathleen Fitzgerald	13
Joseph Meegan	02	Lorraine Fields	16
Joseph Davidson FDD	02	Olivia Sliwicki	17
Humberto Ramirez	04	Joan Smith	20
Thomas Nadeau	07	John Faulhaber	20
Alfred Young	09	Joseph Hamilton	20
Louis Mazzei	10	Robert Helms	21
Wanda Kay Khouri	11	Daniel Rappe	21
Paul Devlin	11	Patrick O'Sullivan	23
Maurice Schwab	11	Gerald Ashley	25

November Anniversary's

Paul & Joan Reiter	November 3, 1962
Michael & Janice Drury	November 18, 1972
Modesto & Marlena Diaz	November 19, 1999
Jack & Judy McLaughlin	November 27, 1965
Jim & Virginia Hollywood	November 28, 1946

Flu & Pneumonia Shots

Flu & Pneumonia shots will be given at Our Lady Of Grace Health Fair on Wednesday November 19th. N Both are free with Medicare (must bring Medicare card & picture I.D.).

The Health Fair is from 8:30 to 11:00 AM at the Grogan Center. All are invited.

For info call Alvina Beyer Health Fair Coordinator at 314-0117.

Veterans Corner

Mike Basile, Veterans Chairman

On November 11th at 2:00 PM a ceremony honoring veterans will beheld at Veterans Park. The guest speaker will be Commissioner Edgar Stokes. In addition, at 4:00PM there will be a parade in downtown Sebring, The 3rd and 4th Degree Knights and the Columbiettes will participate in the parade. You do not have to walk or wear your regalia or uniform - Just wear something that says Knights of Columbus. It is time to show that the Knights of Columbus organizations represent patriotism!

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4th Degree Report

Jack McLaughlin, FN

Our next meeting will be on November 4th at Sebring Council 5441. Bring you wife and a dessert to share after our meeting.

Jack

Columbiettes

Marie Carlson, President Elect

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

We had more ladies attending our second meeting. Thanks to all who took the initiative to come. Our next meeting will be in the hall on November 11, 2008.



On Saturday October 18th we hosted the Regional Meeting. There were workshops for the officers, installation of District Deputies, raffles, and the Columbiette Boutique. A Memorial Service was presented for Barbara Alexandrich (past president) and Lorraine Murray (vice president), plus a beautiful Rosary, by the state officers. Our Auxiliary was one of the winners of the "Mary Magnum Award" for the last several years in a row. This award is given for voluntary service hours. We served a continental breakfast and a lovely luncheon. A very large and grateful THANK YOU for Faye Basile, our chef, and all of the Columbiettes who worked so hard for two days to make these meals a success.

Our first Saturday Chapter Meeting will be held October 25th at our hall. We'll have a nice meal planned and I know it will be another "feather in our cap" for this month.

The Fashion Show, scheduled for November 13th, isn't very far away. We need to sell, Sell, SELL those tickets so that we can make money

for our charities! As this will be our last large function in the hall for a while, let us all make this a blooming success. I appreciate all my ladies who are volunteering to help.

After you've read the Grand Knight's column, you know that the hall is closing November 30th. **THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE ARE DISBANDING.** We will have our meetings in the house.

We have a 10:30 A.M. Mass set for deceased Columbiettes on Sunday, November 16th, at Our Lady of Grace. Please wear your uniforms and be there. New calendars are available. *Please mark December 14 on your calendars for a Corporate Communion at St. Catherine's 10:30 A.M. Sunday Mass.*

Remember, ladies, to bring some food in at our next meeting for the Thanksgiving basket. This provides sustenance for the poor who are not as blessed with the abundance which we have. Thank you for your generosity.

Our next breakfast at Our Lady of Grace is Sunday, November 2. I will telephone for volunteers. Thanks to all of you who have been so faithful in helping out.

As always, may the Blessed Mother, St. Theresa, St. Joan of Arc, and Venerable Father Michael McGivney bless and guide us in our daily works.

Marie

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to support your Council. To those of you who have been away for so long, I invite you to come back and take part in the rebirth of our council.

Pray that the Holy Spirit and Venerable Father McGivney will guide and help us to do what is right.

Dick

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When we are Christ like to our family and friends and all we touch, we bring that light of Christ to them. November can be the month when we can renew our desires to bring the light of Christ to so many others. It'll be in this way that Thanksgiving Day just will not be a day of just good food, homemade pies, and football games. It can be a day which we can see the light of Christ in others and they see that light in us. In the past, when we attended Thanksgiving Day Mass, I noticed the radiance of those that were there thanking God and all He has bestowed on us. Could we not bring this type of thinking to within our schedule of thoughts throughout the year? What a year we can have!!

In the book, "The Gospel of Life," written by Pope John Paul II, He writes, "*We have been sent.* For us, being at the service of life is not a boast but rather a duty, born of our awareness of being. On our journey we are *guided and sustained by the law of love*: a love which has as its source and model, the Son of God made man, who by dying gave life to the world.

We have been sent as a people. Every one has an obligation to be at the service of life. This requires a concerted and generous effort by **all sectors of the Christian community.** This community commitment does not however eliminate or lessen the responsibility of each *individual*, called by the Lord to "become the neighbor" of everyone.

Together we all can become, by our duty as senders, bring out the light of Christ. Last month I talked about friendship and forgiveness, MY prayer for us is that we can light up that friendship with the light of Christ. Do you think we can do it? **I do!!!!**

Mary Rose and I wish you and your loved ones, "A Happy Thanksgiving."

Deacon Jim

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