

Knights in Action

Pope John XXIII Council #5441

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November 2009

Grand Knight's Report

Jack McLaughlin, FDD

Our October business meeting was well attended and I thank those of you who made the effort. We had a busy and productive meeting. We read in two transfers, both 3rd Degree Knights, and a new member. We welcome back Al Phillips and Larry Pierce, who transferred from Council 243 in Hornell, NY. Both men are 3rd Degree.



Our newest member, Paul Davis, took his 1st Degree on October 14th at a ceremony held at OLG. On behalf of the council, I thank you for joining us and we look forward to getting to know you better as you become involved in council programs. Both Al and Larry have already stepped up and placed their names in nomination as Trustees. Thanks to both of you!

We had our first fund-raiser on October 11th, the Pancake Breakfast at St. Catherine Parish. The breakfast was originally scheduled for the 1st Sunday but had to be moved due to a problem with the gas service. A very special thanks to Kim Fane who stepped in for her husband JP who hurt himself right before the breakfast and was flat on his back. Without Kim we would have been still looking for everything that we needed to set up and get things rolling. She also ordered or purchased all of the supplies and food for us! Thanks Kim! Thanks also to Jim Dall, Mike Flood and Columbiettes Maryanne Cecere, Ann Flannigan, and Mary Stefanakos for showing up and working.

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Deacon's Corner

Rev. Mr. James McGarry

My Brother Knights & Columbiettes

Hello my fellow Knights and sister Columbiettes! This coming month there are so are many things happening that I am not sure where to begin. We have All Souls day, All Saints day, Thanksgiving, and then **Christ the King**, which is the start of Advent.



All Souls Day reminds us, first that we are connected to others. We have real effects on each other. *We are what we are in good part because of those who have passed away.* On a deeper level, All Souls Day reminds us that the bonds of baptism make us one with Christ and are stronger than death. We pray to saints while we pray for the departed.

Secondly, this is the day not only for quite remembering but also for affirming life in the face of death. On all Souls day, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ as the guarantee of eternal life.

Thirdly, this is also a day to pray for those who have passed away. Prayer is the best way of assisting the dead. There is a mysterious healing and forgiveness that comes to others through prayer. *If they have been a burden to us, we forgive them through our prayers. If they have been a blessing to us, we thank the lord for the gift.*

Even though All Souls Day seems to be surrounded by the atmosphere of death, it is really about life, your life,

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Calendar of Events

- Nov 1st - Knights of Columbus Breakfast at St. Catherine (7:30-11:00) - **Volunteers needed** - call GK or JP Fane (386-4809)
- Nov 3rd - 4th Deg Mtg in Avon Park (7 PM) - St. John Bosco Youth Ctr
- Nov 10th - Columbiettes (7 PM) - St. Catherine Parish Hall Room 15
- Nov 10th - Council Meeting (7 PM) - St. Catherine Family & Youth Ctr
- Nov 10th - Health Fair (8-11 AM) at St. Catherine
- Nov 11th - Veterans Day
- Nov 11th - 1st Deg - Avon Park 8PM
- Nov 18th - Health Fair (8-11 AM) at Our Lady of Grace
- Nov 15th - Deceased Knights Mass - St. Catherine - 10:30 AM
- Nov 25th - Novena for Life - St. Catherine (12 Noon) Rosary after



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Election of Officers Notice

In accordance with Article 2, Section 5 of Council 5441's By Laws the Business Meeting of November 10th will be an election meeting to replace and/or fill vacant offices. AL Phillips and Larry Pierce have been nominated as Trustees. We need officers to conduct business IAW Supreme By-Laws.

November Birthdays

Raymond Kane	01	Maurice Schwab	11
Angelo Litterio	01	Don Schnoor, PGK	13
Victor Cockrell	02	John Faulhaber	20
Joseph Davidson	02	Robert Helms	21
Humberto Ramirez	04	Daniel Rappe	21
Thomas Nadeau	07	Patrick O'Sullivan	23
Alfred Young	09	Richard Noel	29
Louis Mazzei	10		

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



Paul Davis completed too his initiation degree in Avon Park at Our Lady of Grace's St. John Bosco Youth Center on October 14, 2009

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We will staff the monthly breakfast with four Knights and three Columbiettes until all of our "snowbirds" return, when we may need more help. If you want to volunteer a few hours we will be having breakfast from 8:00-12:00 on the first Sunday of the month. Call the GK at 471-3295 or JP Fane at 386-4809 if you are available. If neither answers, leave a message. ***If you can't or don't want to work the breakfasts, please support your council by attending the breakfasts the first Sunday of each month.***

Ed and Diane Cronin went with me to Highland Regional Medical Center and Florida Hospital to present \$100 I-Bonds and gifts to the first babies born on Columbus Day, as you may have seen in the local papers. Our Pro-Life couple arranged the entire affair. Ed wrote to the hospitals and got approval and coordinated the visits, while Diane (I assume) did the shopping. This couple works tirelessly representing our council and church, and we should all thank them. I'd also like to recognize Ed for acting as our Publicity Chairman. He has assumed the responsibility of writing letters to our local newspapers for events as they occur as well as taking the lead in Right to Life matters. ***Thanks to both of you for the job you have done and continue to do!*** Santa has already volunteered to take his show on the road to the parish school this year if approved by the principle and pastor.

It's been a good start for our *new-council* - we have re-instituted our 1st Baby Born on Columbus Day program and begun serving monthly breakfast at our parish, thanks to Father Jose making the facility available. Now is a really great time to come back and join your Brother Knights as we move forward. The glass is definitely half full!

On behalf of Judy and myself, we wish with you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Jack

(Deacon Jim - from Page 1)

my life, the life of people we remember. We are a spiritual community that knows no death because we draw **our life** from the **Risen Lord**.

The feast of All Saints and All Souls enable us to strengthen the bonds of this spiritual community.

The feast of Christ the King celebrates the fact that there is one who is remarkably different. He came to serve all, even His enemies. He truly was a Son of Man, with a vulnerable human nature. But He was also truly Son of God. Not in some mythological sense, like the Pharaohs, or the wishful thinking sense, like the Caesars, but really and truly, the Immortal, the Eternal, taking the form of a mortal man in a specific time in history.

We have Thanksgiving Day the Thurs. after the Feast of Christ the King. This is the day to think about all that is good around you. My brother knights and Columbiettes, Why not take the time and start the day **right**. There will be a 9 AM Mass at St. Catherine's to celebrate the day, where one can thank God for all the love and caring that is ours. When you think about it, we have bountiful blessings. Throughout the day reflect on your own personal blessings and also for the freedom to do so.

I and Mary Rose wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Holy advent!

Deacon Jim

Pro-Life Report

Ed Cronin, Chairman

Council Leads Spiritual Adoption of Unborn Child In Danger of Abortion Program

On Respect Life Sunday, October 4, 2009, our council continued the tradition at St. Catherine Church of promoting the Spiritual Adoption of

the Unborn Child Program. Approximately 1500 prayer cards were distributed at all Masses that weekend. The cards have a beautiful picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the face and the simple but powerful prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen on the reverse. Archbishop Sheen encouraged the Spiritual Adoption of an Unborn Child and praying that one particular, but unknown child's life be spared abortion.



His prayer is brief and to the point: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted and who is in danger of abortion."

The Archbishop recommended we give our babies a name to make the connection more personal and memorable. In the world to come it is hoped you will meet the souls your prayers saved and spend eternal happiness with them.

Fr. Jose Gonzalez asked all the homilists that weekend to give special emphasis to Respect Life and especially to the Spiritual Adoption. I am happy to report that all homilists did outstanding work in support of the Unborn Child.

Special thanks to brother Knights and Columbiettes and the faithful ladies of St. Catherine's Council of Catholic Women who have always supported this work with great love and devotion.

Extra prayer cards, in English & Spanish, can be picked up at the next K. of C. meeting, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 and at the St. Catherine Gift Shop after Masses.

Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for the safety and souls of all the unborn babies.

Vivat Jesus

Ed

Hiram Pedraza, DD #43

The Ceremonials of the Knights of Columbus not only set us apart from other organizations, but they also hold us together. Councils that follow ceremonial protocol and conduct their council meeting according to the “Rules of Order” enjoy success in all areas of operation.



- Councils that operate on the committee system and follow protocol, in general conduct efficient meetings. Efficient meetings are a key factor in attracting members to attend meetings and be more involved in the activities of the council. Programs are better organized and more help is readily available to take action when committee reports are streamlined and report the high level status.
- Councils that induct members on a frequent and regular schedule have more recruiting success. Proposers who know the next degree for their candidate to attend, and also have a backup date in case of schedule conflicts, can easily answer a candidate's questions of "when" and "where." Attendance at the First Degree ceremonial is assured when the proposer escorts his candidate to the degree.
- Council programs bring the interests of the membership together in a worthwhile cause. Active and viable programs attract eligible members from divergent backgrounds to join a

winning team. Members actively involved help to uplift themselves when they reach out to help others in need. Through successful programs, a council becomes a valued part of the parish family and attracts qualified candidates to join.

- Councils with positive activities find a new members that are motivated to participate not only as members of an organization, but also in seeking to “teach our Founder’s vision” to others. First Degree ceremonials team members reach out to new members and help to inspire and guide them in their initial growth in our Order. Second Degree teams and council programming and membership recruiting success by promoting strength in unity. Third Degree teams show that the bonds of fraternity and the member involvement that is necessary for ultimate council success.

When council meetings are conducted in the efficient manner as prescribed by protocol, then the meetings will be about future plans instead of time spent on past details. The program director and membership director should hit the highlights of initiative and work out the details in smaller, more focused committees. Following protocol, once the details seem to be ironed out, if a vote is necessary, it needs to come to the council floor, according to Robert's Rules of Order. When handled in this professional manner, the members will see a well-run council.

I would like to see all my council following these guidelines.

your way to being a Star Council.

Vivat Jesus

Hiram

Discover a World of Good Things
in the Knights of Columbus

Beth Caracaus, President

Dear Sister Columbiettes & Brother Knights,

By the time you get this bulletin you will know that our President Beth is just doing fine. She will have conducted the October meeting. Thank you all for your prayers for her and her family - it certainly worked! Prayer is powerful and we should not forget that. Hope our meeting went well. I will be on the State Columbiette cruise, and am looking forward to the rest & relaxation - I'll take pictures. Hopefully by this month's meeting we will have a date for the installation of our officers.

Our Past State President MaryAnn Drexel is recovering very quickly. She is in rehab and is walking with a walker. Please keep her in your prayers. Our District Deputy Ann Kuhn is still in the hospital. Her condition is getting better and we should keep her in our prayers also.

The Regional meeting held in Hollywood was a huge success. 200 Columbiettes and Knights Attended. This was a very informative meeting for the auxiliary officers. Good information was shared and the Auxiliary Presidents will have important insight for their Auxiliaries for the upcoming year.

The October meeting was in Council 5441's Office Building and I hope you were not too crowded. The November meeting will be in St Catherine's Parish Hall room 15. You enter around the back. Door will be open. Fr Jose has given us this room for our meetings. It is very comfortable. We will have a cabinet there with our name on it and secured with locks. We can put our "STUFF" in it. We can also bring our banner.

The breakfast had to be cancelled the first weekend of October, but it was rescheduled for October 11th. Thanks to the ladies that volunteered for this short notice

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event, due to the cancellation

We need three volunteers each month and will share the profits with the Knights. This is a fund raiser for us.

May the Blessed Mother, St Joan of Arc and ST Theresa watch over us and bless our endeavors.

God Bless,

Vicki Sandin, Assistant to

Beth Caracaus, President

Insurance Corner

Mike McDonough

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

3.75% risk free on deposits of \$10,000 or more. For deposits made by 9/30/09. After, call for rate. Under \$10K earns 3.5%. Lifetime minimum of 3%. Consider this; if you had \$50,000 earning 1.75% interest with the bank, you would make \$875 in interest. If you had \$50,000 with the K of C, you would make \$1,875. That's \$1,000 more with the K of C.



FINAL EXPENSES. Everyone knows that the last thing you do in life is create a debt.

EDUCATION. High school and college are more expensive today than ever before.

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have worked so hard to provide after you're gone.

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MORTGAGE PROTECTION. Your largest investment is probably your home. Here is a way to guarantee that this investment will pay off for those you leave behind.

These are all good reasons why you - yes you! - need more life insurance. Call your K of C Insurance Representative **Mike McDonough 941-228-5656** for retirement and insurance planning.

Flu Shots

Alvina Beyer, Parish Nursing

Flu shots will be available at the Health Fairs at both St Catherine Parish and Our Lady of Grace Parish. The Health Fair at St. Catherine will be held on Tuesday November 10th from 8:30 to 11:00 AM; POC is Peggy Pierce the Parish Nurse (471-0474). The Health Fair at Our Lady of Grace will be held on Wednesday, November 18th from 8:30 to 11:00 AM; POC is Alvina Beyer, LHEF (314-0117). Both Health Fairs will have over forty health related vendors to assist you in making healthy choices, and to make you aware of the services available in our community. In addition there will be free screenings, refreshments and door prizes. These events are open to the public. For additional information call Alvina (471-0474).

Origin of Veterans Day

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor. These memorial gestures all took place on November 11th, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as "Armistice Day".

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action. If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "the War to end all Wars," November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred seven thousand of them died in service, more than 292,000 in battle.

Realizing that peace was equally preserved by veterans of WW II and Korea, Congress was requested to make this day an occasion to honor those who have served America in all wars. In 1954 President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day.

Good of the Order

Pray for the repose of the soul of Reverend David Stokes, S.J., the Priest Pastoral Assistant at St. Catherine Parish, who passed away on September 24th.

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

Keep in your thoughts and prayers our Brother Knights, and Columbiettes, and their spouses in need of prayers.

Pray for our military men and women who are serving in harms way protecting your freedom.

Press Release

Ed Cronin, Publicity Chairman

Knights of Columbus Awards Savings Bonds to 1st Babies Born in Local Hospitals on Columbus Day

To celebrate Columbus Day, October 12, 2009, Council No. 5441 of the Knights of Columbus awarded Series I Bonds to the first babies born on their patrons' special day. Two beautiful baby girls were born at Florida Hospital and Highlands Regional Medical Center respectively.

First born at Highlands Regional was Ruth Elizabeth Ibanez. Her proud parents are Martin and Elizabeth Ibanez of Lake Placid. Knights John Mc Laughlin (Grand Knight) and Edgar and Diane Cronin (K of C Pro-Life Couple) represented Pope John XXIII Council and presented Mrs. Ibanez with a Mass Card, in the name of Ruth Elizabeth and a \$ 100 Series I Bond for her baby. Also given to the proud mother were a Guardian Angel crib medal and several baby gifts including baby clothes, blanket and baby's first Halloween costume.

Florida Hospital's first baby on October 12th was Shavonna Darthard, daughter of Shatanglo Hawthorn of Lake Placid. She also received a Series I Bond in the name of her baby and a number of baby gifts. The Knights were represented by Grand Knight John Mc Laughlin, and Edgar and Diane Cronin, Pro-Life Couple.

The presents for the babies and the attention given to them are intended not only to honor the patron of the Knights of Columbus but also as a public demonstration of the strong Pro-Life position of the K of C. We congratulate the two new mothers on choosing life for their babies, for children are truly a gift from God!



Shatanglo Hawthorn with daughter Shavonna Darthard



Elizabeth Ibanez and daughter Ruth Elizabeth



Juan Colon Rosa giving prayer card & picture to a young parishioner at Respect Life Sunday



1st Breakfast - Ann Flannigan, Mary Stefanakos & Maryanne Cecere with Kin Fane (our new BOSS)

Commander Joseph T. O'Callahan, SJ

Assembly #1723

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Navigator's Report

Dick Carlson, Faithful Navigator

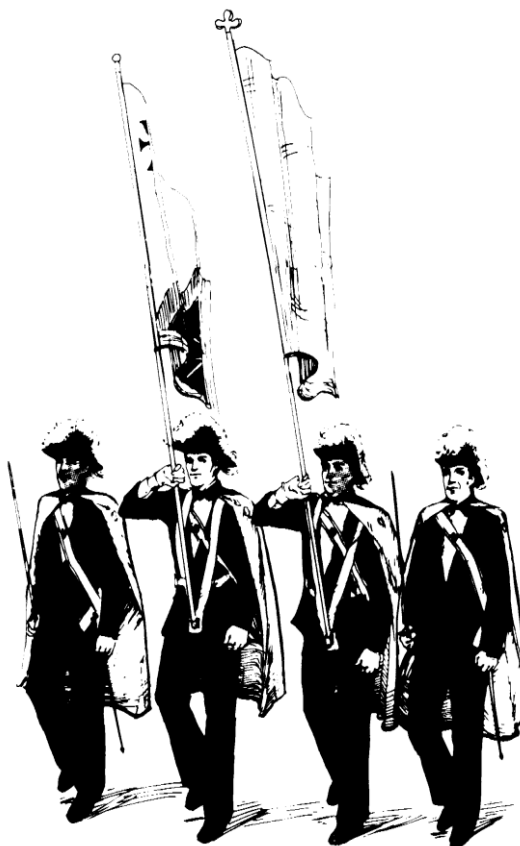
The members of Council 14717 in Avon Park and Council 13039 in Wauchula have submitted a petition to the Master of the Fourth Degree in Florida requesting the formation of a new Assembly, to be named Our Lady Queen of the Universe.

At the Assembly 1723 meeting held on October 6th, in response to a request from Paul Devlin, President of the Avon Park Meals on Wheels, the members approved a one time donation of \$100.00 to Avon Park Meals on Wheels.

The next meeting of Assembly 1723 will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, at 7:00 PM at the St. John Bosco Youth Center at Our Lady of Grace Church in Avon Park.

God Bless,

Dick



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