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Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights,

My sincere thanks for having the confidence in my ability to elect me as your Grand Knight. One of you said that I only got the position because no one else would take it. Although I did find that a little insulting, I don't believe it is entirely true. What I do believe is that God guided me to be Grand Knight, knowing all my shortcomings and knowing what I hope to accomplish for our Council. To the many of you who have offered help and guidance, I thank you. Don't be surprised when your phone rings and it's that "pesty" Grand Knight with more questions!



A calendar of events for the 2007-2008 year is available. If you did not get one, please let me know and I'll see that you do. I can be reached by cell phone at 273-1495, or email at mcarls8@aol.com.

October looks like a busy month, but aren't they all! Spiritual adoption and other pro-life material will be distributed at all Masses on September 29 and 30, and October 6 and 7. The annual Fatima Procession will be on Sunday, October 7. Additional information will be in the parish bulletins. October is also Membership Blitz Month. Tentative plans are to work St. Catherine's on October 20 and 21, and Our Lady of Grace on October 27 and 28. Recruitment is an absolute must!

Our Oktoberfest is scheduled for Saturday, November 10, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. A cash bar featuring beer

and wine will launch our happy hour, followed by a complete German dinner. Live music will be provided for your listening or dancing pleasure. Tickets are only \$15.00 and can be purchased from mostly any Knight or Columbiette.

We still plan to have a combination officer installation and recognition dinner for Mike Flood in the near future. More on that as soon as a date is set.

Congratulations to Jack McLaughlin, recently elected Deputy Grand Knight, and to Kevin Bouffard as our new Recorder.

May God bring health, peace, and happiness to us all.

Dick Carlson, GK

Rosary & Procession

Ed Cronin, Pro Life Chairman

Each year, our council cosponsors the Pro-Life Rosary and Procession with the Columbiettes, Life Teen Group and CCD children, under the leadership of Ms. Margie Gourley. It is always a beautiful demonstration of prayer for the safety of all unborn children.

After the rosary in St. Catherine Church, the 4th Degree Assembly Color Corp leads the procession around the church property and ends at the Parish Hall. The Life Teen Group carries the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. When the procession is completed, there will be a pizza and soda dinner in the Parish Hall.

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Deacon's Corner

If Tomorrow Never Comes

If I knew it would be the last time I'd see you walk out the door, I'd give you a hug and a kiss and call you back for one more.



If I knew it would be the last time, I would take a minute or two, to stop and say "I love you," instead of assuming you know I do.

If I knew it would be the last time, would I be there to share your day? Oh I'm sure you'll have many more, so I can let this one slip away.

But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get, I'd like to say how much I love and care for you and I hope we never forget that tomorrow isn't promised to anyone, young or old alike, and today may be the last chance you get to hold your love one tight.

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Ed Cronin, Pro Life Chairman

Coalition for Life Leadership Highlands County

The Coalition for Life Leadership is a of Catholic lay organizations which include Respect Life work in their charisma. Bishop Dewane has directed the formation of this Coalition to advance the Respect Life and Pro-Life agenda. The Bishop has made it clear he wants all appropriate lay organizations to cooperate in this joint venture, not only in each parish, but also all parishes in each county. He's given this program top priority.

The Highlands County Coalition has been planning activities since May and is about to launch a new program for Respect Life Sunday, October 7th. A series of Respect Life messages have been submitted to St. Catherine and Our Lady of Grace churches for each weekend bulletin in September, leading up to Respect Life Sunday.

The climax of this program is the introduction of the "Spiritual Adoption of an Unborn Child in danger of Abortion". Each parishioner will be asked to make a pledge to pray, daily, for the safety of their adopted child, for nine months. In return for this pledge, you will be able to choose a name for the unknown child and choose the sex.

During your earthly life the spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God but in the world to come it is hoped you will meet the soul your prayers saved and you will spend eternal happiness with them.

Vivat Jesus

October Birthdays

Anthony Fiscella	01	Albert G. Dumbleton PGK	17
Donald N. Sliwicki FDD	01	Keith L. Quiel	19
Joseph P. Colangelo	04	Samuel P. Gutridge III	20
Richard L. Kelly	06	William J. Reagan	26
Edward J. Tomek PGK	11	Anthony P. Garosi	28
Dr Michael J. McLeod	11	Edward F. Behal	29
Angel L. Sanchez	15		

October Anniversaries

Andrew & Diane B. Mish	October 4, 1958
John & Mary Ann O'Sullivan	October 6, 1968
Walter & Helen Urbanski	October 11, 1941
Michael & Mary Basile	October 12, 1996

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District Deputy

Worthy Brother Knights,

Let me first thank you for this opportunity to serve you. I have no intentions to match the leadership of our past District Deputy Don Sliwicki, those are big shoes to fill. Don by his actions, has proven his dedication to our Catholic faith and the principles of our Order. We all owe a great deal of appreciation to Don. **Thank you Don, may God bless you and your family!**

To my Warden and Grand Knight of Council #11284 in Buckhead Ridge, David Alford, on behalf of the Florida State Council and my fellow District Deputies, I extend my sincere congratulations to you and your Council upon receiving the prestigious awards at the state convention. Your achievements are emblematic of the vitality and dedication that your members have shown toward the principles of the order.

I encourage you to set your goals high for this fraternal year. I trust that this recognition will serve as the springboard for even greater achievements in membership and insurance growth as well as continued service to our Order.

Mike Flood, remember this name. Mike is the Florida State Knight of the year, a model and an inspiration to our Order. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Supreme Officers, District Deputies and fellow Knights, CONGRATULATIONS. Mike is from Council #5441 in Sebring, FL.

Council Blitz

After the dust settles from your Council's upcoming October Blitz, you will have two types of results: new members who signed up right away, took their First Degree and are looking to help the Council; and a list of prospects who showed interest in membership but did not sign up yet. It is these men and their families that will be the focus of your recruitment efforts during the weeks and months ahead.

During November, your Council is being asked to focus on recruiting those prospects who showed interest but are not members of our Order yet. By utilizing informational nights and open houses, Councils are encouraged to educate prospects and their families about Council activities and the good works of the Order. Remember, an informed prospect and his family are more likely to join than someone who doesn't know about the Knights of Columbus.

The true success of the Blitz is, however, in your Council's hands. Getting new members active and keeping them interested in the Knights of Columbus is the most important part of your **BLITZ**.

Hiram Pedraza, DD#43

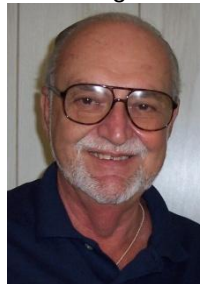
4th Degree Report

Al Phillips, Faithful Navigator

I look forward to all our snowbirds and summer vacationers that are returning, to be at our next meeting in October. This past month we did not have a forum for the meeting so we just had a social meeting and talked of some upcoming things for the Assembly. Possibility of a Valentine Day dance was brought up as well as a social for the youth groups of our parishes in Avon Park, Lake Placid and Sebring. Ideas for fund raisers included the Golf tournament and a Big Bucks event. This will be explained at our next meeting.

This year we would like to have some social dinners with our wives prior to the meeting. I would like to thank Lake Placid for their support at

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Columbiettes

Greetings Sister Columbiettes

Thank you to our District Deputy Vicki Sandin for installing our new officers on September 8th. Alma Almeida, President; Adele Markland, Past President; Marie Carlson, Vice-President; Beth Caracaus, Secretary; Carmel Cano, Financial Secretary; Carolyn Stoner, Treasurer; and Rita Della Flora, Sentinel.



If anyone would like to order a new name badge you can call Carmel at 385-4069, we will have them for the next meeting.

The Fatima Procession will be October 7th at St Catherine's at 4:00pm. Please wear your Columbiette uniform.

Our next meeting will be October 9th at 7:00pm. The Regional Meeting will be October 13th at the Knights Hall from 9:00-3:00pm. If you did not sign up to help at our last meeting and would like to please contact me.

There will be a Chapter Meeting October 16th at the Knights Hall. We are the hosts and will need to serve dinner. Dinner is at 7:00pm and the meeting is at 7:30pm.

Don't forget to bring your donation for the Cheer Basket to the meeting for the Fashion Show.

Our ongoing fundraiser of old cell phones and inkjet cartridges will continue until next May.

Prayers and Thanksgiving to all our Military men and women, and our Charter and Honorary Members.

Special Prayers for Peggy George, Dick Caracaus (Beth's husband) & Harry Sandin (Vicki's husband). Birthday wishes to all those born in October.

Fraternally,

Alma

(Rosary from Page 1)

All Knights and their families are urged to participate in the Pro-Life Rosary and Procession. It is one of the council's most important spiritual events of the Columbian year. October is Respect Life Month and October 7 is Respect Life Sunday. All Knights should demonstrate their loyalty to the order and to obey the Holy Father and our bishops direction to pray for children in danger of abortion.

Veterans Corner

Mike Basile, Veterans Chairman

Thanks to all of you that contributed to the "Ditty Bag" program for the veterans. Our goal was 100 bags for distribution to the veterans, but we actually achieved 135, thanks to your generosity and support. I'm sure that the recipients all appreciate your kindness.



A Luau will be held October 6th at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 3-9 PM to benefit the Veterans Assistance Program of Highlands County. Dress is "Hawaiian Casual". The menu will include roast pig with all of the trimmings and a cash bar with beer and wine available. Contests include: a limbo dance; best Hawaiian dancer; best Hawaiian shirt/Mumu; most original costume; best sandals; and, most authentic costume.

Cost is \$35 per couple or \$20 for a single. Get your tickets early from Mike Basile (382-4550).

3-5 PM Social with live music
5-7 PM Pig Roast Dinner
7-9 PM Costume judging and more ...

God Bless America !

Mike

Recall Notice

The Maker of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units.

This defect has been technically termed "Sub-sequential Internal Non-Morality," or more commonly known as S. I. N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some other symptoms include:

1. Loss of direction
2. Foul vocal emissions
3. Amnesia of origin
4. Lack of peace and joy
5. Selfish or violent behavior
6. Depression or confusion in the mental component
7. Fearfulness
8. Idolatry
9. Rebellion

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this SIN defect.

The Repair Technician, Jesus, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required.

The number to call for repair in all areas is: P - R - A - Y - E - R.

Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure.

Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component.

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace

4. Patience (long suffering)
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self control (temperance)

Please see the operating manual, the B. I. B. L. E. (Believers'

Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for details on the use of these fixes.

WARNING:

Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded.

DANGER:

The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility.

Thank you for your attention.

GOD

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice, and you may contact the Father any time by "knee mail".

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this past meeting as they were well represented Refreshments were provided by the First Lady of the Assembly, the Faithful Navigator's wife Kathie I look forward to a great year with the support of all of you God Bless and see you in October.

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Abortion

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7 4 PM Fatima Rosary & Procession	8 <i>Columbus Day</i> 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	9 7 PM Council Mtg 7 PM Columbiette Mtg	10 5:45 PM Bingo	11	12 <i>Columbus Day</i>	13 9 AM Columbiettes Regional Mtg
14	15 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	16 7 PM Columbiette Chapter Mtg	17 5:45 PM Bingo	18	19	20 Recruit St Catherine's
21	22 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	23 7 PM CMBA Mtg	24 5:45 PM Bingo	25	26	27 Recruit Our Lady of Grace
28 9 AM Brunch & Social	29 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	30	31 <i>Halloween</i> 5:45 PM Bingo			

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11 <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	13 7 PM Council Mtg 7 PM Columbiette Mtg	14 5:45 PM Bingo	15 11 AM Columbiette Fashion Show	16	17
18	19 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	20	21 5:45 PM Bingo	22 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	23	24
25 9 AM Brunch & Social	26 7 PM Civil Air Patrol	27 7 PM CMBA Mtg	28 5:45 PM Bingo	29	30	

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