

Knights in Action

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Grand Knight's Report

Richard Carlson, PGK

My Brother Knights,

At the last two monthly meetings, I mentioned that Supreme had asked all councils to participate in some manner on the World Day of Prayer for Peace.



This was to be done on Thursday, September 11, in memory of the horrific attacks on this Country that took place on September 11, 2001. Deacon Jim was kind enough to have the 12:00 Mass at St. Catherine's dedicated to this memory. There were four Knights and two Columbiettes at the Mass. Disappointing, yes; surprising, no.

Please bring some extra cash to the October 7 meeting. We will be passing the hat for money to help our seminarian, Bernard Choznacki (who recently lost his father), to fly home to Poland for Christmas.

Remember to tell your wives, friends, and neighbors that the Columbiettes are having their annual Fashion Show and Luncheon on November 13. Three of our brother Knights will model and we need to cheer (or jeer) them on! See the "Columbiette" column for more details.

We have been asked to participate in the "National 40 Days for Life" Campaign. The project involves prayer, as well as a daily vigil (8:00 AM to 6:00 PM), in front of the Planned Parenthood building in Sarasota, September 24 through

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Deacon's Corner

Rev. Mr. James McGarry

Brother Knights and Columbiettes,

There is a lot going on within our Council and I thought I might reflect on several ways we can make the next several months pass without a lot of discord.



The main make-up of our fraternal relationship has to have as its base is **Friendship and understanding**. Friendship can only exist when it is the highest form of love. This does not mean that friends will always agree, but at least they must always *care* for each other, desiring that only good things will happen to the one they love as a friend.

It is our nature to need human friends, but to find them is a difficult task. Friendship is not created by union of bodies; it is an "oneness of heart." Therefore, it can and does exist over vast expanses and time. Friendship cannot exist with someone who does not know each other or care about each other. A unity of heart also demands that there be some degree of equality between friends. We love our friends as ourselves, no more or less than ourselves. The eyes of friends neither look down or look up to their friends, they look at them.

On the practical level, to be a friend of another means that we must be willing to bear their burdens and allow them to bear ours. In a perfect

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Upcoming Events

- Oct 5th - Respect Life Sunday
- Oct 7th - 4th Deg Mtg - Sebring
- Oct 13th - 1st Degree
- Oct 14th - Council Mtg (7 PM)
- Oct 14th - Columbiette Mtg
- Oct 18th - Columbiettes Regional Meeting at Sebring Council Hall
- Nov 23/25 - 4th Deg Exemp Orlando
- Nov 13th - Columbiettes Fashion Show - Sebring Council Hall
- Oct 14th - Columbiette Mtg
- Nov 18th - OLG 10:30 Mass for deceased members

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October Birthdays

Donald Sliwicki, FDD	01	Keith Quiel	19
Joseph Colangelo	04	Samuel Gutridge III	20
Richard Kelly	06	James Curtis	24
Dr Michael McLeod	11	Justine Devlin	25
Edward Tomek	11	William Reagan	26
Nancy Colclasure	14	Anthony Garosi	28
Angel Sanchez	15	Edward Behal	29
Albert Dumbleton	17		

October Anniversary's

Andrew & Diane Mish	October 4, 1958
John & Mary Ann O'Sullivan	October 6, 1968
Ervin & Beverly Adams	October 10, 1959
Michael & Mary Basile	October 12, 1996

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.

Good of the Order

Remember in your prayers and thoughts Deacon Max, FDD Don Sliwicki, Rudy Cecere, Raymond Whitlatch, and Jim Hollywood.

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.



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COUNCIL OF THE YEAR AWARD

The primary purpose of the State Service Program is to aid each council in having a successful year of Columbianism. Various programs in each of the eight areas of activity are established as a framework from which the council can build its own Service Program.



As an incentive, the State Council has established a competitive competition to spur the councils to greater efforts – FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL OF THE YEAR. This award is not an end in itself, but a means to an end" "A Successful Columbian Year in each of our councils".

The Awards Program has been divided into three (3) divisions creating three (3) "Florida State Councils of the Year Awards". Division #1 - Councils with Membership of 1 thru 75; Division #2 - Councils with Membership of 75 thru 150; and Division #3 - Councils with Membership of 151 and up (we are in Division 3).

Membership will be based on Supreme Council Membership figures as of April 1. All Councils will receive a complete "Sample set of Reports" for the following activities: Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth, Membership, Publicity, Vocations and Facilitations. These sample report forms will be given to you at the beginning of the Fraternal Year by your District Deputy so that you can set-up your "Council Calendar of Events~ for the year and to help you establish your "Budget" for the year, as well.

All councils will receive a complete "Final Set of Reports" for all the fore mentioned activities from your District Deputy after the State Mid-Year meeting of the State Council. These reports are to be completed in detail and you are encouraged to provide as much detail as possible. (Use pictures, supporting

material to prove the validity of your report, newspaper articles, church bulletins, your council minutes, etc}. Do this as accurately as you can. If you need additional space, please use additional paper, but present only pertinent facts. Remember, the Judging Committee must review and study the report forms from all the councils within your Division, not just yours alone, The judges earnestly desire to select the best activity reports, but you must assist them as much as possible. Not only are readability, continuity and strength of your presentation Important, but we are Influenced by neatness, appearance, and over-all appeal.

Your completed Activities Report Forms must be forwarded to your District Deputy, to be in his hands NO LATER THAN APRIL 7th. Your District Deputy will verify and certify your completed Activities Report, make any pertinent comments to further assist the judging committee, and then forward them to the proper Program Director noted at the bottom of each report, to be in his hands or post marked, NO LATER THAN APRIL 15th.

NOTE: Participation in the State Membership Program and the Florida K of C Charities Inc. Program "ARE REQUIRED" - if you fail to submit a Membership Report or participate in any way in our Florida K of C Charities Inc. Program, your Council will not be eligible for any other awards.

All Directors and Chairmen are to forward the reports, along with their top ten (10) choices for winners (by Division) to the General Program Director, NO LATER THAN APRIL 25th.

These Reports will be used in choosing the individual program winners by division along with the Council of the Year Award. God Bless!!

Hiram

Columbiettes

Marie Carlson, President Elect

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

We had 19 ladies at our first meeting. Thanks to all who attended. Hopefully, more will come to our next meeting on October 14! PLEASE sit in the front, close to the podium.



On September 11th, two Columbiettes and four Knights attended the 12:00 PM Mass at St. Catherine's, which was a memorial for all who gave their lives on this date in 2001. Father Dave preached on the selflessness and heroism of all the public servants. A decade of the Rosary was recited at the end of Mass. Deacon Jim and wife, Mary, brought an album commemorating this date for all to view.

We had a First Degree, followed by the Installation of our new officers on Saturday, September 20th. Welcome to Pat Stuckel!

The Golf Tournament on September 26, 27, and 28th, was held and your generosity in volunteering for this fund-raiser was appreciated by the Knights and me.

Respect Life Sunday is October 5 and there will be a Rosary and procession at St. Catherine's. Please attend this beautiful service and support Pro-Life. Full uniforms are to be worn.

Ladies, the very important date of October 18th has been arranged for our Regional Meeting, hosted by our Auxiliary at the hall. There will be workshops for the officers, installation of District Deputies, presentation of the "Mary Magnum" Awards, raffles, Columbiette Boutique (jewelry, T-shirts, etc.), and important news from our State President, Dale Zgurzynski. We will be serving a light

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November 2, 2008. Deacon Jim will coordinate this with the Coalition for Life, and will have more information at our October 7 meeting. It's time for this council to spend less time worrying about money and selling our property, and more time devoted to Catholic Action. This vigil will certainly be a good place to start. God bless us all.

Dick Carlson, GK

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world friendship would only need to express itself in the enjoyment of the other in unending good times. Friends may be delightful sunny and breezy in good times, but if they go away at the first threat of a storm; they are not true friends at all.

Since we cannot know what is going on inside others, friendship must be based on trust. Our trust must be so strong that we dare to be frank with each other, free to share passions, fears, hopes, and dreams. It is indeed taking a chance to be so open, to trust so much, but it is worse never to trust anyone.

The paradox is that we can never be completely sure of the heart of another, but the only way to truly know another is by opening our heart to them as a friend. It is no surprise that the first command of the Holy Spirit's gift of "Counsel" is "to forgive." Since human friendship will always be a relationship between "two completely different," individuals, we must expect that our friendship, our trust, will be tested. It is only through understanding the LOVE of Christ for all, that we can forgive and remain friends in Christ.

Deacon Jim



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breakfast and luncheon (Faye Basile). Please support this function and volunteer in the kitchen or wherever needed. Tickets are \$10.00 (workers do not need them). We will be reimbursed for the food that we buy.

Most of you know that our upcoming Fashion Show is set for November 13th. We need to sell many tickets in order to fill our hall, which in turn allows us to donate more money to our charities. Remember Jesus' words, "Whatsoever you give to the least of My brethren, that you give unto Me."

We have a 10:30 AM Mass, set for deceased Columbiettes on November 16th, at Our Lady of Grace. Please wear your full uniforms and be there. We could all go out for brunch afterwards. *New calendars are available for those who don't have them.*

Sister Columbiettes, please help me to make this a good year for our Auxiliary. Let us go forth with courage and resolve to work hard, doing whatever we can. May the Blessed Mother, St. Theresa, St. Joan of Arc, and Venerable Father Michael McGivney all bless and guide us in our work.

Marie

Insurance Corner

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

ENRON Warning

If you had investments in ENRON before they went broke, would you have wished that someone gave you a warning to get out? Well I'm giving you a Universal life insurance warning. If



you bought a life insurance policy in the 80's or 90's, there is a good chance it is a universal life policy and an almost certainty that you will go broke with it. Find the policy and pick up the phone. Call that company and ask them to send you 1. A 20-year printout, years 2008 to 2027. 2. Have the printout include premium, cash value, and death benefit based on current interest rates. 3. Once you get the printout, mail it to me. Mike McDonough 3341 Richardson St, North Port, FL 34288. Or fax it to 941-429-4020. Or call me at 941-228-5656. **EVERY DAY YOU STAY IN THAT POLICY, YOU ARE LOSING MONEY AND WILL EVENTUALLY LOSE IT ALL.**

Veterans Corner

Mike Basile, Veterans Chairman

On October 8th from 2:30-4:00 PM at the VFW Post 4300, Congressman Tim Mahoney will be speaking. The topic will be Veteran Services.



On November 11th at 2:00 PM, a ceremony honoring veterans will be held at Veterans Park. The guest speaker will be Commissioner Edgar Stokes. In addition, at 4:00 PM there will be a parade in downtown Sebring. The Knights of Columbus, both 3rd and 4th Degree 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.

Remember November 4th is Election Day! Vote - it is your right. Use it do not abuse it!

Remember our Veterans, both past and present.

God Bless!

Mike

Pro-Life News

Ed Cronin, Pro-Life Chairman

The Supreme Council has announced it will emphasize Pro-Life work more during this Columbian Year. We need more good men willing to work in this apostolate. Now is the time to step up and be Catholic Men and true Knights.



FLORIDA CATHOLIC BISHOPS SUPPORT AMENDMENT NO.2 TO FLORIDA CONSTITUTION WHICH REAFFIRMS MARRIAGE BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN.

The Florida Catholic Conference supports the state's existing marriage law, which describes marriage as a legal union between one man and one woman. Amendment 2 affirms the definition of marriage in the state's constitution.

The church teaches that, "The marriage covenant, by which a man and a woman form with each other an intimate communion of life and love, has been founded and endowed with its own special law by the Creator. By its special nature it is ordered to the good of the couple, as well as to the generation and education of children. Christ the Lord raised marriage to the dignity of a sacrament."

The Florida bishops remind the faithful that as citizens of the United States and Catholics, they have a duty to participate in the debate of public issues and the selection of public leaders, while carrying the values of the Gospels into the public square. These dual responsibilities to faith and citizenship are at the heart of what it means to be a Catholic (and Knight) in a free and democratic nation.

Ed

Our Flag

Below are selected excerpts from the United States Code-Patriotic Customs (Title 36, Chapter 10) that provide information on the flag's display.

174. Time & Occasions for Display

It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all weather flag is displayed.

The flag should be displayed daily on or near the main administration building of every public institution.

The flag should be displayed in or near every polling place on election days.

The flag should be displayed during school days in or near every schoolhouse.

176. Respect for the Flag

No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America; the flag should not be dipped to any person or thing. Regimental colors, State flags, and organization or institutional flags are to be dipped as a mark of honor.

The flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.

The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.

The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free. Bunting of blue, white, and red always arranged with the blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below, should be used for covering a speaker's desk, draping the front of the platform, and for decoration in general.

The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.

The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature.

No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen, and members of patriotic organizations. The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing. Therefore, the lapel flag pin being a replica should be worn on the left lapel near the heart.

Conduct during hoisting, lowering or passing flag

During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in review, all persons present except those in uniform should face the flag and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart. Those present in uniform should render the military salute. When not in uniform, men should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Aliens should stand at attention. The salute to the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.

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Navigator's Report

Jack McLaughlin, Faithful Navigator

Our next meeting is at 7:00 PM at Sebring Council on October 7th at 7:00 PM. **As we discussed at our last meeting please bring your Ladies and a dessert or snack to share.** I will do my best to keep the meeting to approximately one-half hour then we can have time to socialize afterwards with our wives. While we are in our meeting our Ladies can chit-chat, get to know each other, check out the tube ...

Many thanks to all of you Sir Knights that volunteered for the State Golf Tournament. We have not completed the financials yet but there will be money coming into our coffers due to your volunteer work. On behalf of our Assembly – thanks for your effort.

I still have the "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets available if we can identify a chairman to head this fund raiser. The car magnet manger scenes measure 6.25" by 7.00" and should sell easily at any of our parishes or and Christian church. We can buy the magnets for \$1.25 each and make \$780 for each box that we sell. If no one volunteers by the meeting I am going to turn the project over to the RTL representative of Sebring Council. **THIS IS EASY MONEY WHICH WE CAN SURELY USE AND I'M SURE THAT MANY OF OUR BROTHER SIR KNIGHTS WILL VOLUNTEER TO HELP ONCE WE HAVE A CHAIRMAN.** I will be available to help start the project and to assist wherever needed.

The next 4th Degree Exemplification will be held in Orlando the weekend of 28-30 November. The actual Degree will take place on Saturday morning the 29th and you could make it a one-day trip, but you would need to be there before 8 AM. Complete information and schedules are listed under Fourth Degree at the Florida State Council website (<http://floridastatecouncil.com>).

Several other websites are of interest and should be provided to any candidates:

Candidate Proper Dress Form:	http://vmfweb.net/appropriatedress.pdf
Exemplification Instructions:	http://www.vmfweb.net/4th-instructions.pdf
Exemplification Order Form:	http://vmfweb.net/feeform4th.pdf
Exemplification Sample Form 4:	http://www.vmfweb.net/form4.pdf
Exemplification Ladies Luncheon:	http://www.vmfweb.net/ladiesluncheon.pdf
4 th Degree Candidate Certificate:	http://vmfweb.net/4thDegreeCandidateCertificate.pdf
Program Book Ads Instructions:	http://vmfweb.net/exemplification-patron-ad.pdf

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