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KNIGHTLY NEWS

<http://www.saintscosmasanddamiankofc.org/>

GRAND KNIGHT'S NEWS

Awards presented at the April Business Meeting:



Brother Paul Herzing received Knight of Month from GK Mike Graves.



GK Mike Graves presents DGK Andy Velichko Family of Month Award.



GK Mike Graves presenting B Sig Bartozek with February Knight of Month Award.

DEACON'S CORNER

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By the time you read this, the great feast of Easter will be a thing of the past. But we will still be celebrating the joy of that great Sunday, because we are still in the Easter season, which ends on the feast of Pentecost, June 12th.

In the meantime, there are many occasions to celebrate this season in the month of May. May 1st is Mercy Sunday, when a special mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Angels at 3 PM for the beatification of Pope John Paul II, the 8th is Mother's Day(don't forget this one), the 15th is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pray for those who are discerning the call to the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and the religious life. And we can't forget the 30th, Memorial Day, when we remember all those who gave their lives for the freedom of us all. May they all rest in peace. As you can see, the Easter season is a time for continued celebration and prayer.

So, my brothers and sisters, let me end with a solemn Easter season blessing for all of you. Through the resurrection of his Son, God has redeemed you and made you his children. May he bless you with joy. Amen The Redeemer has given you lasting freedom. May you inherit his everlasting life. Amen By faith you rose with him in baptism. May your lives be holy, so that you will be united with him for ever. Amen May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit. Amen

May the Lord give you peace,

SK Deacon Ron

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT FOR DISTRICT #39

Worthy Sirs and Brothers All

When you received your first degree you were given the Rosary of Mary, our Mother and Patroness of the order. May is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and devotion to her was a promise each and every Knight took at the exemplification of the First Degree. You were asked to carry the Rosary with us at all times and pray it as often as you can. Sometimes we need to remind ourselves of the promises we made at each degree. Let us renew our promise this month and pray to our Blessed Mother as often as we can to strengthen us as Catholic brothers as we renew our commitment to our Church, Faith, and the principles of our order, Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Membership Update:

Brothers, as we enter into the last two months of the year I can't help but think how far we have come during this fraternal year. **75** new members have joined or been reactivated into our order giving us the largest gain in membership in over 10 years. I can

only say thank you for making the commitment to put membership as a priority on your council's agenda. We have a special 1st degree being planned for late May or early June. In honor of the beautification of Pope John Paul II, a multi-district 1st degree is being planned that will be held at the Epiphany Cathedral in Venice. All members making their degree will receive a 1st degree certificate Honoring Pope John Paul, and a special scroll with all the new members will be sent to the Vatican and included in the historical documents of Pope John Paul. Make sure every new prospect is made aware of this special event.

Elections:

Each and every year a council has the opportunity to set it self up for the future. Election of officers and committee assignments serve that purpose. The new members in the District joined because they want to be involved in our order. Reach out to them, assign them to committees, and if they have made their 3rd degree, encourage them to be an officer and help us to answer the challenge of Pope Benedict when he asked all Knights to "follow him and help us build the church". Please don't let this time of year slip by....ASK each new member to get involved. They joined the Knights of Columbus for that very reason, so let's not disappoint them.

Vivat Jesus:
Vinnie Cipriano
District Deputy # 39

BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, May 5, 2011, 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart 2. See you there!

GOOD OF THE ORDER

We prayed for Bob Lafortune, Jesse Pipher, Helene Franco, Charley Dunn, Lexi Augustyniak, Maureen Coleman, Louise Gama, Janice Novello, Frank Paladino, Joe Costantino, Carol Lafortune, Fr. Sal, Tom Leab, Bill Bock, Donna Reed, Martha Kopszywa, Cindy Roeve,

Janet Walsh, Mary Gluvna, Paul Balcar, Richard Curl, Peter Howard, Frank Smith, Bob Reiser, Diane Flores, Frank Alleti, Jeanette McCoy, Catherine Calandriello, Florence Calandriello, Jim Shupe, Manuel Cruz, A. J. Velichko, Ellen Adkins, Loretta Ward, Dan Hogan, Von Britterbrott, Gus Bartocci, Eugenia Putvin, Kathy Baldino, Ed Powers, Vince Alesi, Gayle Fortin, Leo Faust, Joe Ivko, Mike Carbone, Jerry Healey, Antonio Rodriguez, Barbara Knierim, Tom Qrel, Erd Dall, Mike Novello, Mike Palazzo, Reto Maurer, Friends for Tallevast, Unborn Children, Mike Mango, Al Martini, Irene Becsi, Bee Gervia, Dick Krohn, Mrs. Jack Sager, Bonnie Jean Cutchineal, Chelle Maida, Steve Bedard, Family of Don Christo, Jim Pennigton, Mary Mello, Mike Graves, Kyle Gise, Vincent Charett, Gene Doleck, Rich Guanera, Rich Barnett, Stanley Renz, Ed Hellner, Peter Alesi, Ed Souza, Gordie Ormorond, Joan Luna, family of Ed Sukup, family of Tony & Ann Brown, Renetta Ivko, Tom Getz, John Gallo, Ginger Swihura, Sister Nora, and Mary Mello.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

Vincent Alesi, Louis Bury, Michael Dyer, Devin Flores, Richard Guarnera, Robert Hellner, Robert Kramer, James Maher, Don Plourde, Noe Rodriguez, Eric Spiller,

ADDRESS CHANGES

To keep our email and snail mail address lists current, please provide us this information when changing addresses. This will ensure prompt delivery of newsletter and other information.

Please send to:

Brother George Del Monte at:
GEORGE@TENMAX.COM

Thanks in advance.

PRO LIFE

4th ANNUAL NOVENA OF MASSES FOR LIFE

The 2011 "Novena of Masses for Life" begins on March 25, 2011 - the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord - and continues on the 25th of each month through November 25, 2011. It celebrates the nine months of Our Lady's pregnancy with Our Lord and His development as a pre-born child in His mother's womb. The "Novena of Masses for Life" intention is: "For a greater respect for all human life." Our Lady of the Angels' schedule of Masses for 2011, is as follows: May 25th, June 25th, August 25th, September 25th, and October 25th.

For further information, contact David or Emmy Walsh, Pro Life Directors, at 360-0881.

DIAPER AND WIPER CAMPAIGN

For the month of May, the Knights will be partnering with Respect Life-OLA, Youth committee and the Peace and Justice in support of Our Mother's House, a non-denominational, transitional housing program offered by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice. Their mission: to provide single mothers and their pre-school children (who would otherwise be homeless) a safe, secure environment in which to achieve self-sufficiency through education, vocational training and personal growth. Children attend Early Head Start, located on site, while mothers are in school or working. (ourmothershousedov.org)

Among Our Mother's House greatest needs: diapers (size 4 and 5) and wipes. A Pack 'n Play (appropriately) will be placed at the rear of the church, throughout May, to receive donations.

During May, specifically Mother's Day week-end, May 7-8, the Knights and the Youth committee are conducting a focused Our Mother's House promotion. Title? What else: 'Diapers and Wipers'. Before the previous weeks' Masses, April 30/May 1, Emmy Walsh and Mo will promote the activity. On the Mother's Day week-end, large cartons will be placed outside the church entrance to receive diapers and wipers donations.

You should also know that the Knights have already gifted \$800 to Our Mother's House. These were funds collected at Oriole spring training games, from tips received at the cash registers.



B David and Emma Walsh presenting donation to Our Mother's House.

Here's where (some of) you come in: We need three(3) volunteers before each May 7-8 Mass, in order to help members of the Youth committee in collecting donations. If you can help, please let me know (davidandem@comcast.net) Also, depending upon the success of this promotion, we are likely to need help transporting the diapers/wipers to Venice. If you have a van/SUV, consider raising your hand for this part of our venture.

And, obviously, your individual support/donation of diapers/wipers is solicited and appreciated.

This promises to be a fun activity. Thanks in advance for your enthusiasm and your support. The young mothers of Our Mother's House will be grateful.

David and Emmy Walsh
Pro-Life Directors



PLD David Walsh(l) presents B Jim Mazurek prizes of diapers and wipers for guessing closest value of items.

EASTER EGG HUNT THANK YOU

Brothers,

I hope everyone had a blessed and happy Easter.

To all that were able to come and help out at the Easter Egg Hunt a big thank you!! We had over 60 children with at least 2 adults (plus) for every child. All tables and chairs were filled. I think this was the biggest egg hunt we've had. A special thanks to Ginger Swihura, Song Mazurek, Connie Graves, and Connie (Momma) Bartoszek. I cannot forget Mo and the youth group for hiding the eggs and playing the part of the rabbit. Lastly, my thanks to Granny Goose who had the attention of the children and adults with her fine storytelling and face painting. Again from the bottom of my heart thank you all.

May God bless you and may Christ give you peace,

Carmine Maida

In God We Trust

Support our Troops

FAREWELL TO FATHER DAMIAN

Reception honoring former Chaplain Father Damian was held at Peridia Golf and Country Club.



Father Damian and GK Mike Graves.



Greeting Father were (l-r) B Rich Barnett, Mary Ann Werner, B Joe Ivko, B David and Emmy Walsh.



(l-r) Laurie Jarema, B Bob and Carole Lafortune, B Ed and Mary Jane Souza, and B Bill Jarema.



B George and Merry Del Monte, B Noe and Attie Rodriguez, B Paul and Jo Herzing, and B Joe Stachniak

LENTEN FISH FRY



(l-r) Brothers John Schroeder, Andy Velichko, Epifanio Cedro, and Darryl Desveaus taking care of cooking.



(l-r) Brothers Bob Lafortune, Al Martiniz, Jerry Healey, and Joe Ivko selling tickets.

GOLF TOURNAMENT INVITATION

Worthy Grand Knight,

On June 25, 2011, Council 12155 will hold its fourth annual Goat Ranch Invitational Golf Tournament at Greenfield Plantation Golf Course in Bradenton. Proceeds of the tournament will benefit local charities that our council supports. All brother knights, their families and acquaintances, and members of the general public are invited to play.

There will be opportunities for individuals, K of C councils, and business firms to be sponsors at several different levels. The attachments to this message provide information on the tournament. Additional details – especially concerning sponsorship opportunities -- can be obtained from Tournament Chairman Tom Scholz at

especially concerning sponsorship opportunities -- can be obtained from Tournament Chairman Tom Scholz at I would appreciate it if you would circulate this message with its attachments to members of your council so they can consider whether they wish to play or even become tournament sponsors.

Fraternally,

Tom Murray
Grand Knight
Mother Cabrini Council 12155
Knights of Columbus
941-776-9270

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEEDS OUR HELP

“A MAN STANDS TALLEST WHEN HE STOOPS TO HELP ANOTHER”

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that builds simple, decent, affordable housing in partnership with people in need. Join your fellow Knights by volunteering your time in helping to build these homes for families in need, thereby bringing and keeping families together with a life with dignity.

Please contact:
Dr. Joseph J. Stachniak,
CHAIRMAN



Brother Joe Stachniak and Deacon Ron (r-l)

STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT THANK YOU

The weekend of April 8, 9, & 10 was very exciting for our Council, Sts. Cosmas and Damian, #13341 and our parish family here at Our Lady of the Angels. For the first time in the 58 years of the State Bowling Tournament, this event was held in our area. Many Brother Knights, as well as their spouses, family members and friends gather here from around the State of Florida

As I recalled about the events of the weekend, the mantra of unity is a constant. Everywhere I looked, different individuals from our council, our parish community, our families, our diocese, our attendees, many of whom traveled long distances and paid seasonal premium rates for lodging, came together and extended a helping hand.

We were honored and humbled by the presence of many State Dignitaries, such as KofC State Deputy Douglas Murray, State Secretary Doan Vettorel, State Program Director Chris Kernan, State Treasurer Paul Koppie, and State Photographer Randy Hale. We were also graced by our diocesan Spiritual leader, Bishop Frank Dewane, who presided at Mass on Saturday April 9.



Bishop Dewane.

We were most honored, however, by the representatives and athletes of the Florida Special Olympics here in Manatee County. When we as a council decided to make these individuals the beneficiaries of our efforts, we knew we were doing a positive thing. What we ultimately realized was how much the athletes presence at the bowling tournament, working hard and having a great time in doing so, would have such a profound impact on our participants.

As for the events of the weekend, it became quickly evident Friday evening that we all had much in common. In just two short hours, acquaintances and re-acquaintances were achieved. Also many new friends and bonds were made.



Saturday featured the Color Corps and inspirational invocation by Deacon Ron Dains.



Joyce Shaer performed our National Anthem.

The Tournament began with State Deputy and State Secretary threw the first bowling balls of the tournament. One of them was a strike! Then the real bowling started. There were many strikes, spares, smiles, and shouts. In addition to ten pins, taps, shrugs, and scowls.

After bowling was a social at Sacred Heart Hall. There I was caught by surprise by Father Dan. He presented me with a gold plated crucifix that will occupy a prominent place in our house. The crucifix, which was donated to Father Dan, meant something very special to an individual, as it was given to her by the KofC as part of her father's liturgy. This was an honor I will always hold in the highest regard and trust I can be a worthy recipient.

After that was the 4pm Mass, at which Bishop Frank Dewane presided. The decorum of the Color Corps, in addition to the dignity of the Bishop added to the uniqueness of the weekend.



4th Degree Color Corps.

Our out of town guests were witnesses, and were a part of true unity, with not only Bishop Dewane, Father Dan, Father Carl, and Deacon Ron. Joe Master, Drew, and Joyce also were tremendous, as always.

From there, the next step was the bowling banquet Saturday evening. Cabana on the Green at River Club out did itself. Kudos to John! The food and ambience were outstanding. We also closed the bidding for the numerous silent auction items, the majority of which were procured by Brother Gary Stout. The bowling continued Sunday morning and then, we all went our separate ways. Well, until we meet again next year!

There were many comments our bowlers, guests, and/or dignitaries left me with. Below are a few:

"I have met so many great people this weekend"

"Thanks for the red carpet treatment"

"How did you get so many volunteers?"

"1st class all the way"

"What a tremendous event, so well organized... especially loved the national anthem!"

Last via email (to my wife Laurie and I) from an individual who traveled a long distance with a heavy heart, due to the recent passing of his wife: "you two made me feel like part of your family, by allowing me to join your table and take part in the conversations. It was quite nice meeting your lovely daughter, parents and other friends. I extend my love and prayers to all".

State Bowling Tournament Committee consisted of:



(l-r) B Bill Jarema-Tournament Director,
B Ron Sell—Sponsors,
B Jessee Pipher-bowling official and recorder of funds.



B Gary Stoudt, (c) secured items for silent auction. On right is B Ron Sell.



Tournament attendees included: PGK Chris Treston, B Carmine Maida, B Jarema, B Steve Treston, B Kevin Kelley, B Sell, and B Pipher.

Thank you very much, Jesse, Ron, and Gary. You are an inspiration to many. As mentioned earlier, numerous individuals, more than 50 people, participated in making the entire weekend enjoyable and memorable. When sponsors, silent auction donors, and individuals from the Special Olympics are added in, the figure may approach 75 to 100.

For all of your support and prayers on what became a spiritual journey that began a little more than a year ago, I give you my sincere thanks.

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Jarema
2011 Kof C Florida Bowling
Tournament Director

FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

I would like to begin by extending all of you a blessed Easter Season.

At this time we have two new products available to our members. The first is the new 10 pay whole life product which is paid in only ten years, and from then on your policy grows by itself adding to cash value and face value. This could present a wonderful opportunity for young people who due to their youth can qualify for great coverage at great rates, giving them a paid up policy before they are 30 or younger.

The second new product is our Disability Insurance which affords protection against lost wages in the event you are disabled at very competitive rates. I am excited about this product because we now have one more means of securing the future of our members in a way that only the Knights Insurance can provide. I urge you to contact me regarding either of these new products in addition to our current selection of products.

My email is
Leonardo.pastore@kofc.org or
941-323-0625

#13341 Columbian Year 2010-2011 Activities Calendar**

MAY, 2011

5 – Business Meeting
17 - First Degree Exemplification @ #13639
19 – Social Meeting
26 - Officers & Directors Meeting
28 – Corporate Communion
27_29 - Florida State Convention

JUNE, 2011

2 – Business Meeting
14 - First Degree Exemplification @ #12155
16 - Installation of Officers
30 – Officers & Directors Meeting

**** This is the preliminary schedule and events and activities will be added throughout the year (e.g. Squires Circle, Youth Programs, Family outings, Council picnic, etc.)**