



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

## THE EAGLES VIEW



**April/May 2020**  
**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST COUNCIL 11421**  
**BOCA RATON, FL.**

### THESE MEN THEY CALL KNIGHTS

Worthy Brothers,

Across the globe, we are faced with many unforeseen challenges due to the rapid spread of COVID-19. Even in our community there are reported cases. I hope everyone is well and safe and are following the COVID-19 Guidelines. I know living with the Guidelines is difficult, but we must try in order to conquer this virus.

Our Bishop Gerald Barbarito has canceled all Masses throughout the Diocese of Palm Beach until further notice. This is true with our Council. There will be NO council meetings until we hear that it is safe to meet again in groups. Therefore, the following events are canceled until further notice:

- Coffee and Donuts Program
- Boca Helping Hands, Saturday morning pantry bag distribution at the Boca Glades Baptist Church.
- Special Olympics 2020 Area Summer Games Saturday, April 15th
- Habitat for Humanity, Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Altar Server Recognition Night
- Tootsie Roll Drive (Church)

In addition, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Orlando has cancelled our State Council's 2020 State Convention (May 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>) at their hotel. However, the "Annual Meeting" will be conducted under limited number of staff in person and the balance of attendees, delegates and staff will be joining on-line through the internet and social media with a modified format. Awards will be presented at a later date.

I know many of you are impacted by loss of work, business opportunities and retirement incomes. My thoughts and prayers are with you all as we travel through these uncharted waters.

I have not heard of anybody who is sick with the virus or may be in need of services (grocery store or pharmacy pickup, food pickup, medicine, etc.) during this "stay-at-home" orders. If you do need help, please let me know.

A message that I received from Brother Dan:

Peace over panic / Faith over fear!!! This may be one of God's biggest mysteries we'll never understand, however he may have a strong hidden message as we come out of this!!! Life is extremely delicate and no one or anything should be taken for granted; bringing us all closer together.

Our Pastor Michael O'Flaherty will be retiring come July 1<sup>st</sup>. He assured us that he was not going anywhere and will remain in the area. He is celebrating his 45<sup>th</sup> year in the priesthood.

God bless you and your families.

Vivat Jesus!

Larry Bower  
Grand Knight

**IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS**

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## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Those who are sick or in distress and need our help and prayers:

Please keep these people and their families in your prayers:

- Jennifer Coward
- Greg Pratt
- Dorothy DeAmbrose
- Violet Lazarus
- Christopher O'Flaherty

## MEMBERSHIP

Our council dues are \$38.00. Currently, our membership is at 131 members. Welcome Leonard Bizzarro our newest member who received his exemplification into the Knights last month. Our goal this year is 10 new members and 4 insurance members. To date we have 3 new members and one new insurance member for this year/

Your new membership card is available in the blue index card box located on the counter at the right side of the Church vestibule. Also, your card is available for pick up at our monthly meetings. If you are unable to pick up your card please contact the Financial Secretary at your earliest convenience to make other arrangements.

If you have any changes to your address, phone number or email address please get those changes to **Jim Falzone/Financial Secretary**. Jim can be reached by either phone or email. **561-716-9777** or [JFAL64@gmail.com](mailto:JFAL64@gmail.com)

Also, we are in need of a **Membership Director**; please speak to GK Larry Bower if you are interested in the position.

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL & MAY

### APRIL

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>  
Good Friday (no services)

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am  
Boca Helping Hands (Canceled)

Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Sunday (no services)

Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm  
Business Meeting (Canceled)

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>  
Habitat for Humanity (Canceled)

Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm  
Altar Server Recognition Night (Canceled)

### MAY

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am  
Boca Helping Hands (Canceled)

Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Mother's Day

Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30am  
Business Meeting (Canceled)

### Annual \$500 Scholarship Award:



Application's for **Knights of Columbus 16<sup>th</sup> Annual \$500.00 Scholarship Award** will be available to a graduating high school senior at the Parish Office. Deadline for submitting the application is **May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. If you know of a graduating high school senior, who is planning to attend college, encourage them to submit an application. We don't want this scholarship to go unclaimed.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!**

### April

5 – Vincent Pizzo  
7 – Rev. Ronald Schulz  
8 – Sebastian Verdoliva  
13 – Larry Bower  
16 – Thomas Trainio  
18 – Joseph Digangi  
19 – Mario Tribioli

20 – Alejandro Ayala  
21 – Martin Kocal  
22 – Anthony Guiliano  
28 – James Moore  
29 – Rosario Bongiovanni  
29 – John Simmons

### May

3 – Dennis Grenier  
7 – James Zalduondo  
11 – Leonard Mario  
13 – Joseph Badillo

19 – John Byrnes  
19 – Richard Zappulla  
31 – Harvey Church

## COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

### **Long Sleeve Shirt Relief:**

The Long Sleeve Shirt Relief at St. John's Parish was held on Tuesday and Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. The collected shirts are distributed to the migrant community in our area to be used by the field workers. This year Deacon Bill Ferguson reported that the parishioners donated 288 men and 50 women long sleeve shirts for a total of 338. This total number of shirts is twice as many as last year. Great job from everyone in helping out this great cause.

The shirts were delivered to Birthline/Lifeline Catholic Charities' office in Boynton Beach by Deacon Bill and GK Larry.

Deacon Bill would like to thank all the brothers who helped him with the collection, including PGK Ed Mottola, PGK Ron Sawchuk, Charles Coward, and Steve O'Hara and GK Larry Bower.



### **Boca Helping Hands:**

Grand Knight Larry and Brother Charles would like to thank all those who help with the distribution of the pantry bags on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at Boca Glades Baptist Church. There was an overwhelming number of volunteers and we were not able to get the names of all who attended. In addition, we had joining us the **Dialectic Class of Catholic Schoolhouse of Boca Raton**. Mrs. Espinosa (Tutor) and Cristy Ayala, wife of Brother Alex contacted our council and wanted to join the event with us. It was nice see young people helping to make a difference in families who are in need.

On Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> Boca Helping Hands canceled the event at Boca Glades Baptist Church due the COVID-19 Guidelines. We hope that we can get back to work soon.

If you are interested in participating contact Brother Charles Coward at 561.757.3177 or email [ccoward4@verizon.net](mailto:ccoward4@verizon.net) for more information. The Council participates every second Saturday of the month.



*Dialectic Class of Catholic Schoolhouse*

### **Special Olympics**

Special Olympics – Palm Beach County Summer Games were held on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> at John I Leonard High School in Greenacres, Fl. Deputy Grand Knight Ted reported that we were assigned to monitor the softball toss, volleyball and bocce ball games. It's always a great time at Special Olympics and to see the competitiveness of the participants. Thanks to the brother Knights who took time out of their busy schedules to attend; Tom Agostino, Marty Knecht Jim Melvin, Leonard Bizzaro, Al Daniello and Deputy Grand Knight Ted Kelley.



For future Special Olympics events, contact Deputy Grand Knight Ted Kelley; email: [ted@allkelley.com](mailto:ted@allkelley.com); cell: 561.756.0808.

### **Tootsie Roll Drive:**

On Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> a Tootsie Roll Drive for Citizens with Disabilities was held at the Old Navy store at the Shadowood Shopping Square. Brother Knights Dan Gagnon, Kevin Lazarus, Jim Melvin, Al Daniello and DGK Ted Kelley handed out tootsie rolls in return for donations from the shoppers visiting the store.

This year due to the start of the coronavirus, fewer shoppers were visiting the store and donations were down. Nevertheless, \$140 was collected. Another Tootsie drive will be planned in the future at St. John's. If you are interested in helping, please contact Brother Ted Kelley at 561- 756-0808 or email [ted@kelleyalliance.com](mailto:ted@kelleyalliance.com)

### **Demin & Diamonds – Ladies of St. John:**

Brother Knights were called into duty to help with the Ladies of St. John's Demin & Diamonds Luncheon held on February 15<sup>th</sup>. LSJ's President Susan Hutchins thanked the knights for their amazing work and support. Their hospitality was seamless and added a special touch to the event.

Thank you Brother Knights. A very happy and proud group of brothers: Jim Melvin, Alex Ayala, Ed Mottola, Romero Andrade, Rosario Bongiovanni, Charles Coward, Scott Spencer, Al Daniello, Dan Gagnon, Bruce Kendall, Ted Kelley, Tom Agostino, David Herbert, Terry Hines, and Jack Collins.

Also, a special thanks to Debbie Coward for coordinating the dress code and their assignments. Excellent job!



**ISN'T IT GREAT TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS**

## COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH

*Introducing Mr. Marty Knecht,*

*Marty Knecht & his wife Ann are active members of St. John's. Marty has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for many years and is now a member of St. John's Council 11421.*

*Marty is a volunteer for St. John's & for the Diocese of Palm Beach Marriage Tribunal Office. He volunteers as an Advocate. As a trained Advocate Marty guides petitioner through the annulment process. He is fully trained and equipped to help the divorced and remarried person, the divorced person intending another marriage and the divorced Catholic seeking clarification of his or her standing in the church.*

*If you have any questions or concerns, please know that you will be able to discuss your situation with Marty in a completely confidential setting here at St. John's.*

*Fr. O'Flaherty*

### **2019/2020 Charity Raffle:**



The Charity Raffle tickets are available at the Council's monthly business meetings. The raffle booklet contains 12 raffle tickets at \$1.00 each. The raffle benefits the charities supported by the Florida K of C Charities, Inc. Half the monies collected remains with the Council to be used for Council's own supported charities. A member who sells a booklet is eligible for a prize during the Quick Start drawing on December 7<sup>th</sup> and an Early Bird drawing on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2020. On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, at the Florida State Council Convention a drawing will be held for first prize of \$25,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of \$10,000, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$5,000 and five \$1,000 prizes. Winner need not be present for 2020 drawing.



### **Helping Life Program**

Sponsored by St. John's Knights of Columbus

#### **Ron Sawchuk – Helping Life Program Coordinator**

To support All Life", following the Catholic Church's teaching from conception to natural death"

In 2016 the Council started the Helping Life Program to encompass the entire parish. You do not have to be a Knight - men, woman, and children can participate. The purpose of this program is to help people in our community who are in need.

#### **Programs, Contact Coordinator, Mission:**

##### **Supporting Life Ministry – Jim Etue—772-359-1190**

Through programs we help the families in need, the new born, and the homeless.

##### **Boca Helping Hands (BHH):**

Bi-weekly trips to BHH are ongoing to sort through boxes of donated items, organize the hygiene products on the shelves and make up hygiene kits.

##### **Birthline/Life Pregnancy Care Centers:**

Birthline/Lifeline is an organization supported by Catholic Charities that help women who need testing, ultrasounds, counselling, medical referrals and material assistance for their babies. Nothing is planned at this time.

##### **AVDA (Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc.):**

AVDA provides assistance to women and children who are victims of domestic abuse.

A birthday party for the children and mothers was planned for March 18<sup>th</sup> however it was canceled due to the coronavirus.

**Right to Life:**

Protects and defends the most fundamental right of humankind from the beginning of life to natural death. On the first weekend of each month, a “**Rose for Life**” is brought up and placed in the sanctuary at each Mass as a reminder of our Christian commitment to respect the dignity of all human life. If you would be interested in placing the rose before Mass please contact **Don DePasquale at 561.487.3366**

We are always looking for new members. If you are interested please contact **Sharon Goldasich at 561-756-0580** or **Jim Etue at 772.359.1190**.

**Prayer for Life**

God of life and love, you created us in your image and sent Your Son to bring us life. Instill in us a respect for all life, from conception until natural death. Empower us to work for justice for the poor. Nourish us that we may bring food to the hungry. Inspire us to cherish the fragile life of the unborn. Strengthen us to bring comfort to the chronically ill. Teach us to treat the aging with dignity and respect. May we be especially sensitive to the life of the handicapped and incarcerated. Bring us one day into the glory of everlasting life. We ask this through Christ or Lord. Amen

**HAVE YOU INSURED YOUR MOST VALUABLE ASSET?**



I am was assigned to serve you and your Council as the Benefits Advisor and Insurance Agent. You and your Council are very important to me and I am excited to have an opportunity to support our mission in my capacity for the Council. In the future I will be sharing valuable information to you. For now, please know I am here, I am experienced and capable, I understand the priority of you and your wishes and needs. Give me the opportunity to demonstrate this for you soon.

As a new agent to you (I have been serving councils now for 5 years) I recommend that we invest some time to review what you have and also what you have planned for yourself and your family in

the future. This meeting will enable me to best serve you and your family.

Either myself or my assistant Debbie Pontikes will reach out in the future to find a time that is convenient. If, however, you wish to or have reason to reach out to us; I am at (561) 439-8617 o/ or 561-310-8065 m. Debbie can be reached at 561-899-6731. My email address is [steve.schuler@kofc.org](mailto:steve.schuler@kofc.org).

Be Safe + Be Well + God Bless

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