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April/May 2021

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST COUNCIL 11421
BOCA RATON, FL.**

THESE MEN THEY CALL KNIGHTS

Worthy Brothers,

This is the Year of St. Joseph, The Patron Saint of Fathers, Christ's foster father who willingly accepted his divinely assigned duty without praise or accolade. In St. Joseph we see a role model for catholic men. He achieved spiritual fulfillment beyond the reach of material possessions, something more spiritually satisfying than normal day to day living. He asked for nothing in return.

In a similar manner, the Knights of Columbus can be our action vehicle to help us strengthen our own spirituality - beyond prayer and meditation - by providing opportunities to do unselfish service. Our duty as Catholics, fathers, husbands, friends and role models.

We are a band of brothers, a network of men dedicated to doing good in the service of God, church, and our neighbor. Our members include ushers, eucharistic ministers, deacons, teachers, advocates and even priests. We are vital members of the parish.

Our Council supports many organizations such as Special Olympics, Equine Assisted Therapies, Habitat for Humanity, The Boynton Beach Soup Kitchen, Boca Helping Hands, and Coats for Kids, among others. We have members involved in the Supporting Life Ministry with programs such as Aid for Victims of Domestic Abuse, the ultrasound program and Birthline/Lifeline Pregnancy Care Centers. We help maintain the church grounds, contributing our time and financial resources to beautify our parish. We serve and protect our priest, Father Dominic. We raise funds, such as the Christmas wreaths sales, dinners, coffee and donuts, and raffle tickets.

We enjoy cheering for the children of Special Olympics and Equine Assisted Therapies. We love giving a birthday party for kids in AVDA or handing out groceries for the food pantries. Homeowners during Habitat for Humanity are always grateful, and single mothers are always relieved to get a crib. We feel useful when helping around the church grounds. These spiritual rewards are given to us freely but are at the same time priceless.

As a Knight you can choose which opportunities are a good fit. You can participate as much or as little or as you want considering your interests, availability, and skills. Some brothers are very active, and others are not. It does not matter. Active or not, you derive our values and feel the fraternal satisfaction of belonging to a brotherhood of like-minded men.

Please extend an invitation to anyone you know who might benefit from joining our brotherhood.

Vivat Jesus!

Ted Kelley
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:

- Ann Tracey by GK Ted Kelley
- Family of Debbie Coward by Bro, Dan Gagnon

MEMBERSHIP

PGK Marty Knecht is our **Membership Director**. If you know of anyone who would like to become a Knight, please have them contact Marty by phone at 561.212.9483 or email marty.knecht@gmail.com

New members are the life blood of each council and each new member brings their unique gifts and talents to share with the church and our community. Instead of asking, "would you like to join my council?" ask "Would you be interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus and our local council?" (ref: KofC Flyer 10233 4/16)

Remember the reasons you decided to join the Knights of Columbus and share those reasons with a prospective member.

First and Second-Degree members are encouraged to complete their third-degree exemplification. The online video offered by Supreme Council for the third-degree exemplification is easy to access and to view. Periodically the Florida State Council offers group sessions for the third-degree exemplification. Make an effort to fulfill your goals, learn the significance of Knighthood and reap the rewards of a third-degree Knight. For questions and for more information contact Membership Director Marty Knecht, email marty.knecht@gmail.com.

The dues for this year are \$38.00. Our current membership is 123 members. Our quota for this year is 5 new members.

Membership cards are available to pick up in the blue index card box located on the counter at the left side of the church vestibule. Contact the Financial Secretary for other arrangements to get your membership card.

Please note changes have been made with the Financial Secretary position. Scott Spencer has assumed duties as financial secretary. Scott can be reached by either phone or email **954.695.7781** or delian@gmail.com.

Jim Falzone served as our financial secretary for over 3 years and has done a terrific job. The council would like to thank him for his time and dedication while serving as our financial secretary. Jim will remain as an officer as Chancellor.

NOTICE: Join an Online Presentation by Van Mueller a top speaker in the insurance and financial industry on April 28th at 7:30PM. Registration link: <https://register.FLKOFC.com> See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more details.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL & MAY

APRIL

Thursday, April 1st Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:00pm

Friday, April 2nd @ 7:30pm
Stations of the Cross 2:30pm
The Passion of the Lord 3:00pm

Sunday, April 4th
Easter Sunday

Wednesday, April 7th @ 7:00pm
Officers Meeting (ZOOM)

Saturday, April 10th @ 9:00am
Region 6 Membership Rally & Third-
Degree Exemplification

Monday, April 12th @ 7:30pm
Membership Meeting (ZOOM)

Saturday, April 17th
"Springtime Under the Stars"

Saturday, April 17th
Cereal Drive (BHH)

Saturday, April 24th
Fourth Degree Exemplification

Friday, April 30th
Knights of Columbus Scholarship

MAY

Wednesday, May 5th 700pm
Officer's Meeting

Sunday, May 9th
Mother's Day (Flowers for Mothers)

Monday, May 10th 7:30am
Membership Meeting (In Person)

Friday & Saturday, May 28th – 29th
Florida State Council Convention

Save The Date

Weekend Masses June 20th
Father's Day Prayer Cards

Parish Renovation Projects:

Sealing the concrete sidewalks has been ongoing. Sealing the wheel stops will be scheduled at a later time. Also, the painting work of the parking spaces in the parking lot, handicap parking areas, fire lanes, crosswalk areas, no parking areas and the hazardous curb areas will be scheduled later.

If you can help, please contact Grand Knight Ted at 561.756.0808 or email knightsstjohns11421@gmail.com

Region 6 Membership Rally and Third-Degree Exemplification:

A Membership Rally and a Third-Degree Exemplification will be held on Saturday, April 10th at St. Luke Parish in Palm Springs. Registration at 9:00am, with the Rally starting at 9:30am follow by Exemplification at 11:00am. This is a great opportunity for first and second-degree members to advance to third-degree. If you are interested, contact GK Ted Kelley at 561.756.0808 or email knightsstjohns11421@gmail.com or Membership Director Marty Knecht, email marty.knecht@gmail.com.

St. John's "Springtime Under the Stars" Dinner:

On Saturday, April 17th at 5:30pm the Parish will be hosting "Springtime Under the Stars" at St. John's Pavilion. Food will be catered by Lucille's and beer and wine will be included. Music will be provided and the "300 Club Drawing" will be held that night. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased at the parish office or after Masses on weekends of April 10th & 11th.

The Knights are needed to help setup/cleanup and do bartending duties that evening. Contact GK Ted Kelley at 561.756.0808 if you can help with any of these activities.

300 Club raffle tickets are available at the Parish Office, St. John's website www.saintjohn-bocaraton.com or after weekend Masses on April 11th. Ticket costs \$100

Fourth-Degree Exemplification:

A Fourth-Degree Exemplification will be hosted by the Florida District on Saturday, April 24th at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 345 S. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Registration beginning at 9am. with the Exemplification at 11:15am. A Patriotic Rosary in the antechamber prior to the ceremony.

A CANDIDATE FEE of \$70 required by the candidate. DEADLINE is April 16th. Please make check payable to Boca Raton Assembly 3092 and mailed to Ted Kelley, 19571 Havensway Ct., Boca Raton, FL 33498.

This is an excellent opportunity for Third-degree members of the Knights of Columbus to advance to the Fourth Degree. This exemplification is not always local, so consider in taking the next step in your Knighthood.

Please contact GK Ted Kelley at 561.756.0808 or knightsstjohns11421@gmail.com for assistance in filling out the required Form 4 and other details for the event.

“Food For Families” – Boca Helping Hands Cereal Drive:

Currently, Boca Helping Hands is having their annual cereal drive “Cereal4All” from now to April 30th and Brother Larry Bower will lead the charge for our Council collecting the cereal donations from our members and parishioners. The donation will be credited towards “Food For Families” Award that is given every year by the Supreme Council to a council that has donated 1,000 pounds of food or more to a 501c3 organization.

Bring your donations to St. John’s Pavilion on Saturday morning, April 17th from 9:00am to Noon or contact Brother Larry cell: 954.520.1713 or email: bowerl@bellsouth.net for pickup.

Last year the council received the award and was reimbursed \$100 by the Supreme Council for our contribution to “Food For Families”. Let’s try and do it two years in a row.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship:

The Knights of Columbus Council 11421 of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church offers a yearly scholarship in the amount of \$500, to a graduating high school senior. This is our 16th year presenting this scholarship. Candidates must be parishioners of St. John’s. Applicants will be judged on grades, class ranking, extracurricular activities, activities for St John’s and an essay.

You may pick up your application at the parish office or go to St. John’s website: www.sanitjohn-bocaraton.com to print out the application, or contact us to have one to be emailed to you. Please return your completed application to St. John’s parish office. Cut-off date is April 30th, 2021.

For questions, please contact Ed Mottola, Scholarship Chairperson at 561.479.2096 or dook711@aol.com

Mother’s Day:

The Council will be handing out potted marigolds to all mothers and grandmothers after the weekend masses on Mother’s Day on May 9th. If you can help out with this event, please contact Grand Knight Ted at 561.756.0808 or email ted@allkelley.com

Birthline/Lifeline – Diaper Drive:

The Supporting Life Ministry group will be sponsoring a Diaper Drive May 9th, after all weekend masses. The diapers collected will be donated to Birthline/Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center an organization supported by Catholic Charities. For more details, please check the church bulletin in the coming weeks.

Florida State Council 117th Annual Convention:

GK Ted Kelley and PGK Larry Bower will be representing our Council this year at the 117th Annual Convention of the Florida State Council. The convention will be held between May 28th – 29th at the Hyatt Regency Orlando. This year the delegates will be electing new State officers and delegates to the Supreme Council’s convention that will be held on August 2nd – 5th in Denver, Colorado. The convention will be hosting in-person or virtual event this year.

\$30,000 Charity Raffle:



The Florida State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Raffle tickets are available from Deputy Grand Knight Tom Agostino, tmagostino@gmail.com, 954.495.6315 or GK Ted Kelley knightsstjohns11421@gmail.com, 561.756.0808 or they are available at some selected Masses. The raffle booklet contains 10 raffle tickets at \$1.00 each. The raffle benefits the charities supported by the Florida K of C Charities, Inc. and half of the monies collected remains with the Council to be used for Council’s own supported charities.

On May 29th at the Florida State Council Convention, a drawing will be held for first prize of \$15,000, 2nd Prize of \$10,000, 3rd prize of \$5,000. Donor need not be present to win. Donations are not deductible as a charitable contribution for Federal Tax purposes.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

APRIL

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

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

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

May

19 – John Byrnes
19 – Richard Zappulla

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

New Members:

Meet our newest members Terry Condon and Tom D'Amico.



Terry Condon was born and raised in Memphis, TN. After graduation from the University of Tennessee, Terry moved to south Florida for work. While living in Miami, Terry met his wife Karen and were married in 1995. They moved to the Boca Chase community in 1997 and have been St. John's parishioners ever since. Their two children Elizabeth and Kevin were baptized and confirmed at St. John the Evangelist. Elizabeth was one of the original members of the children's choir and sang with the choir for over 10 years, since then Elizabeth graduated from University of Central Florida in 2019. Their son Kevin is currently a sophomore at University of Central Florida.

Terry is active in the parish by being the chairman of the Golf Committee, a member of the Finance Committee and a Lector at weekend masses. Terry and Karen have been members of the church choir. Currently, Terry serves as the president of the West Palm

Beach Chapter of the University of Tennessee Alumni Association.

Terry has been in the banking business for the last 25 years and looks forward to retirement soon.



Tom and his wife Carol reside in Woodfield, Boca Raton and have been members of St. John the Evangelist since 2012. Tom is very active at St. John's, and is currently the Chairman of the Finance Council, serves on the golf tournament committee, and is a Eucharistic Minister. He believes that joining the Knights is another excellent way to provide service and charity to our religious and geographic communities.

Tom is retired. He values, and enjoys his time with family and friends. He also enjoys playing league and tournament golf, attending pro-golf tournaments, long distance cycling, amateur photography, and international travel to Europe, Asia and South America when feasible. During his career, he held Senior global operations leadership positions in several consumer and industrial products companies including Procter & Gamble, and 3M.

When you see Terry and Tom please welcome them into our council.

Knight's Day:

On March 20th & 21st was a successful weekend for our council's membership drive and to honor two of our charter members with the Lifetime Achievement Award. There was a nice showing of brother knights at all the weekend masses despite the COVID-19 restrictions. GK Ted was very pleased to see the support the knights are giving the church by being ushers, lectors and eucharistic ministers. At the 9:30 mass, Father Dominic asked the members to stand and it felt like half of the attendees were Knights! He also thanked us for support. It was a very nice day!

At each of the masses Grand Knight Ted gave a membership speech. Talking about who we are as Knights and the charitable works that we do for the community. After each of the masses, in the Pavilion a welcome desk was set up to meet and greet any potential members and for members to reacquaint.

Membership Director Marty Knecht maintained the welcome desk along with insurance agent Steve Schuler. After each Mass, information was passed out to prospective members and a least six men signed up. Two men are in the RCIA program and were interested in becoming Knights. Also, there were two transfer requests.

On Tuesday night, March 23rd, a Fraternal Benefits Night was held by our insurance agent Steve Schuler and GK Ted Kelley. The meeting provided an opportunity for members and potential new members to ask questions about the insurance program and what the insurance program can do for you. Agent Steve explained the different insurance packages offered to a knight and how he can help protect their assets and family.



Lifetime Achieve Award:

During Knight's Day, the Council's membership weekend March 21st the Grand Knight and the Trustees awarded two Lifetime Achievement Awards to two our worthy charter members.



Deacon SK Bill Ferguson received the award at the 9:30am Mass

SK Ed Mottola received his award at the 11:00am Mass.



You can read their award letters and their bibliographies at the end of this newsletter.

Charter Members:

The Council would like to recognize three of our past charter members who have contributed to the success of our Council and who are still living in the area.

PGK Carl DiLiberto was the council's first grand knight. He had worked for American Airlines and Home Depot and is retired with his wonderful wife Frances. They have two lovely daughters and two beautiful granddaughters. During his service he held every council office and was active in organizing many events and dinners. He said he did "a lot of cooking" and a lot of work but it was fun. Carl said he still has the gravel and plaque he received as a grand knight and it's still sitting on his mantle. He said it was honored to be involved in the Knights!

PGK Elvarado "Elle" Baptiste served as a grand knight from 2000-2002. Elle said during his term it was a lot fun pitching in doing tasks that Father gave them to do. He is still an energetic 80-year-old who had worked for WR Grace for 35 years. He founded a company that connected sports stars with fans for dinners, gatherings, etc. named American Association of Professional Baseball Players, which he has sold and now works as a consultant. Elle and his wife Jeanette are still members of St. John the Evangelist.

Neiro Angelo Falcone has been a Knight for over 50 years and is an original charter member. Angelo and his wife Mary are original members of the Coffee and Donuts Program and of St. John's parish. Angelo was an usher at the 9:30 mass for many years until recently. Angelo and Mary still live in the area, but COVID-19 has prevented them from attending in-person services. Please keep Angelo in your prayers.

COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH & COMMUNITY

The Soup Kitchen:

Saturday, March 13th, Brother Al Daniello lead the team of volunteers to the Soup Kitchen in Boynton Beach to assist in their daily food distribution.



We had plenty of volunteers participating at the different workstations. The event was heart felt rewarding event and enjoyable food distribution experience.



Always a job well done by brothers Jim Melvin, Scott Spencer, Romero Andrade, Kurt Dombro, Tom Agostino, Marty Knecht and GK Ted Kelley. The staff was very appreciative of our work and we are welcome back anytime.

AVDA (Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc. – Children’s Birthday Party:

On Saturday morning, March 27th, Brother Bruce Kendall and Brother Ron Sawchuk delivered the birthday party supplies to Nicola at AVDA. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, outsiders were not allowed access to the Center.



Party supplies and gifts included cake & ice cream, water, juice, candy, goodie bags, coloring books and canyons and puzzles. Games were supplied by others.



There were 30 children and 26 mothers attending.

We hope this was a fun time for the mothers and their children and to help make their stay at the Center a positive one. Our goal was to make a difference in their lives.

Janelle Khan, Development Director of AVDA sent a thank you note thanking for sponsoring a wonderful birthday party over the weekend. Janelle complimented on the creative way the bags filled with toppings that were delivered for the ice cream.

Let it up to our brothers Bruce and Ron to think of every detail for the party.



ISN'T IT GREAT TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

Message from Lecturer Alan Daniello:

Brothers,

Because we are beginning to increase our vaccinations of the population, it appears that we are heading in the direction of hopefully returning to some level of normal living in the not-too-distant future. Through our ingenious scientists, we hopefully overcame a tremendous health obstacle that has plagued the entire globe. Hope and science has teamed up to keep our worlds continuing to exist and most importantly plan ahead. If it was not for our desire and wisdom and hope, we might not have achieved what was recently accomplished.

Romans 15:13

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Amen.

Brother Marty Knecht, Advocate for the Diocese of Palm Beach:

Have you been married outside the Church?

Have you been divorced and are interested in remarrying or have remarried?

Would you like to learn more about the annulment process? There is information about annulments on St. John's web page under Marriages. Here is a link: <https://www.saintjohn-bocaraton.com/sacraments/matrimony/>
Just click on **Annulments - The Facts and Myths** for all the information.

If you answered Yes to any of the above questions, then you should contact Marty Knecht at 561-212-9483 to receive answers to your questions in a completely private and confidential setting at St. John's.

Who is a Knight:

We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much to be done in the world. Good work. Necessary work. And that's what the Knights do. Every day.

Assisting the sick and disabled. Protecting those who can't protect themselves. Whether they are next door or halfway around the world. This is the journey we are on. Our path.

We do it to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors, and Catholics. We invest our time, our effort, and our resources into our values: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism.

We come from many places. And backgrounds, And stages in our lives. But we are all of one faith. A fraternity of men striving to better ourselves and our world.

It's one thing to say who you are. It's another to live it. To put your values into action. That's what we do at the Knights of Columbus.

That's who we are.

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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. Currently, the Supporting Life group is taking a summer break and will not resume until later this Fall.

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 to make hygiene kits are currently postponed until the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

Birthline/Lifeline 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.

It's been a busy start of the year and many pickups and deliveries have been to Birthline/Lifeline Center in Boynton Beach. Since the beginning of the year brothers Jim Etue and his helper's Ron Sawchuk, Larry Bower and Bruce Kendall have picked up and delivered 7 cribs & mattresses, 12 baby blankets, 8 baby quilts, 4 car seats, 3 booster car seats, 2 pack-n-play, 2 play pens, miscellaneous toys and baby/children's clothes.

St. Jude's recently had their annual Baby Shower. The parishioners donated to Birthline/Lifeline in 2018 & 2019. The pandemic caused 2020 to be cancelled. But, the 2021 Shower was a tremendous success. The donations filled Jim Etue's truck and 3 other SUV's from the volunteers from St. Jude's. They followed Jim to his house and filled his garage. Jim delivered to Birthline/Lifeline 2 truckloads on Monday & Tuesday. A big thanks to St. Jude's generous parish family.

Brother Joe Galea's wife Emily has made and donated many baby quilts to Birthline/Lifeline over the past few years. These quilts are made from recycling material from baby crib bumpers that are picked up doing donation pickups. Emily creates colorful patterns from the material gathered for these quilts. This is a wonderful talent that Emily has and is used in a very charitable way.

Diaper Drive is scheduled for Mother's Day for May 9th. Check the church bulletin for details.

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

AVDA aids women and children who are victims of domestic abuse. Brother Bruce Kendall is our AVDA contacted and offers any assistance the council can provide AVDA during this pandemic.

Another birthday party is planned for this Fall for the mothers and children at the Center.

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?

Worthy Brother Knights,



This month marks one year under COVID-19 restrictions. I remember when the news of shutting the Supreme Office was announced. I, like many I think, thought this would last a couple of months and all of us would get back to normal. The reality is much different. Maybe some of you are working from home...maybe some will be working from home for the foreseeable future. I realize this has not been easy for many of you. When it began, I wondered how I would be able to help my brother Knights. But as restrictions were put in place, we were provided with a new way to meet with members virtually on our computers and we were given a number of tools to ensure that you, our members and your families, were served.

Using these new tools, I have found that I am more efficient. I save travel time and can have more meetings in a day. I've found that many of you like the idea of meeting virtually. It's less stress for you to simply sit down in front of your computer, click on a few buttons and we can have a confidential conversation about your needs, wants and desires. For service issues I can meet much more quickly and have all the forms I might need to help you right at my fingertips...No more running out to the car to get a form only to find out my paper file is depleted.

We've had our eApplication process for a while, and with pandemic restrictions members have found it very valuable to be able to sign electronically when we meet virtually.

It's been a very different year: We missed much of the solemnity of Holy Week and Easter with many of us either social distancing at church or live-streaming Mass; by summer we were able to get outside as long as we didn't get too close to others who were out. Vacations were pretty much out of the question—I know I had a “stay-cation” with my family. By fall we had figured out how to deliver candy from a socially acceptable distance to those few trick or treaters who braved the night. Thanksgiving traditions of large family gatherings were frowned upon and Christmas was so much smaller in 2020. Joyously we experienced the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Now we've come full circle into 2021. The vaccine is on the way. Some of you have already received it. Looks like light at the end of the tunnel; but we still have to be vigilant, still have to protect each other.

I am most thankful to all of you. Many of you met with me this year and wanted to make sure your desire for financial security was up to date. It was my pleasure to take the time to analyze your situation and give you my recommendations. I look forward to meeting with many more of you in the months ahead whether virtually or face to face. Please contact me if you have any questions; I am here to serve you, my members, and your families.

Be Safe, Be Well, God Bless

Vivat Jesus!
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Every effort is made to ensure the content and information in this letter is accurate and informative.

Comments and corrections are welcome.

Our newsletter is also available ON-LINE at www.saintjohn-bocaraton.com/ministries/knights-of-columbus



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March 21, 2021

Sir Knight Deacon William Ferguson
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Dear SK Deacon Bill Ferguson,

On behalf of St. John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council 11421, it's our pleasure to present to you the Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is awarded to a Knight who has demonstrated extraordinary activities with the council, parish, and community.

As an original charter member, you have served our council for 26 years and as a 4th degree Knight with 49 years of continuous service. You have served as a role model to our council members and today you continue to be active within the parish community.

Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition and thank you for dedicated service to our council, parish and community.

Vivat Jesus,

St. John the Evangelist Council 11421
Ted Kelley III, Grand Knight
Bruce Kendall, PGK, One Year Trustee
Ronald Sawchuk, PGK, FDD, Two Year Trustee
Larry Bower, PGK, Three Year Trustee

Sir Knight Deacon William Ferguson

The Council would like to recognize Sir Knight Deacon William Ferguson for his leadership and his commitment to growing our faith. Deacon Bill became a member of the Knights of Columbus in 1972, with 49 years of continuous service. He is a 4th degree knight and a member of Assembly 3092.

He met his wife, Dot while coaching basketball at their church when he was working for IBM in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. In early 1993 he was transferred to Boca Raton by IBM. Dot and their three daughters Elizabeth, Patty and Amy followed that summer. Their daughters are all married with children; 5 boys and 1 girl.

In 1994 Deacon Bill was one of the charter members of our Council 11421 and served as a Grand Knight from 2004 through 2006. Prior to that, he served as a Deputy Grand Knight with Grand Knight Ed Mottola. In 2003 Deacon Bill started his studies to become a Deacon and was ordained in 2008. Prior to becoming a Deacon, he served as a lector and as a eucharist minister for the Parish. Deacon Bill taught confirmation and bible study classes for many years. He is involved in training altar servers and initiated the Altar Server Recognition Night. During his tenure the council has had two altar servers receive the Altar Server of the Year Award at the Florida State Council level.

Deacon Bill led the efforts of the Long Sleeve Shirt Relief Program for farm workers for many years and is involved with our annual Tootsie Roll Drives for people with intellectual disabilities.

Prior to COVID-19 pandemic Deacon Bill could be seen with Father O'Flaherty at many Sunday morning and weekday Masses and he is still serving our Parish and Council.

For all of these efforts and those not mentioned here, please join me in congratulating Brother Deacon Bill for his distinguished years of service serving our council, parish and community.



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St. John the Evangelist Council 11421
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March 21, 2021

Sir Knight Edward Mottola Jr.
18281 Fresh Lake Way
Boca Raton, FL 33498

Dear SK Edward Mottola Jr.,

On behalf of St. John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council 11421, it's our pleasure to present to you the Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is awarded to a Knight who has demonstrated extraordinary activities with the council, parish, and community.

As an original charter member, you have served our council for 26 years and as a 4th degree Knight with 64 years of continuous service. You have served as a role model to our council members and today you continue to be active within the parish community.

Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition and thank you for your dedicated service to our council, parish and community.

Vivat Jesus,

St. John the Evangelist Council 11421
Ted Kelley III, Grand Knight
Bruce Kendall, PGK, One Year Trustee
Ronald Sawchuk, PGK, FDD, Two Year Trustee
Larry Bower, PGK, Three Year Trustee

Sir Knight Edward Mottola Jr

The Council would like to recognize Sir Knight Edward Mottola Jr for what he has done for all of us in making our council and parish community healthy and strong.

He served with the Suffolk County New York Police Department for 35 years. We thank him for his service in law enforcement. He became a member of the Knights of Columbus in 1957, 64 years of service, amazing! Brother Ed and his wife Eva moved to Florida in 1992. Brother Ed and Eva both celebrated their 90th birthdays last Fall. They have two daughters, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

In 1994 Brother Ed was one of the charter members of our Council 11421 and served three terms as a Grand Knight. Later becoming a District Deputy for four years. In addition, Brother Ed served one term as Faith Navigator of the 4th Degree Assembly 3092 Boca Raton and was a member of the 4th degree Honor Guard. Brother Ed started the first council newsletter, keeping the members informed of the upcoming events and news within the council. Currently, Brother Ed serves as the chairman for the College Scholarship Award. The scholarship program has been functioning for 16 years.

Over the years Brother Ed served as chairman for many St. Patrick Dinner Dances as well as Italian Night functions. He started the first clothing drive for the needy in Pahokee and spear headed several parish flea markets. Brother Ed continues to serve by volunteering at Boca Helping Hands' events, pancake breakfasts, bartending at many dinner events and participating in the Tootsie Roll Drives. Brother Ed and Eva can be seen helping at the St. John's Food Basket Ministry.

His pride and joy is with the Sons of Italy being knighted by the President of Italy with the title Commendatore, Ufficiale Dell'Ordine Della Stella d'Italia.

If you attend 11am Mass, you will see Brother Ed representing us well as he ushers wearing a Knights of Columbus lapel pin on his suit jacket.

For all of these efforts and those not mentioned here, please join our Council in congratulating Brother Ed for his distinguished years of service serving our council, parish and our community.

Van Mueller presents



Faith, Family and Financial Security

Join us for an informative online presentation by Van Mueller, one of the top speakers in the insurance and financial industry.

Van Mueller is an author and dynamic speaker known for helping clients plan successful insurance and retirement strategies. He is a global speaker that has presented in all 50 states and every province in Canada, inspiring his audience to take control over their financial future.

Van will ask a series of tough questions to help you think about how ready you are for whatever may come next, such as:

- What is the easiest and safest way to make retirement money last longer?
- What if you suddenly died – Wouldn't you rather leave a loved one with your hard-earned money rather than the Internal Revenue Service?

Join us as Van helps us think through our answers to these questions, and many more!

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Time: 7:30PM

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