



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

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August/September

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

THESE MEN THEY CALL KNIGHTS

Worthy Brothers,

Covid 19 has changed so much in our world, and it is all we can do to stay safe. This disease and the social distancing steps we have to take clearly are not going to end in the near term.

This new world of social distancing has negative side effects that call for new solutions to keep our relationships strong. I personally am seeing old friendships and social groups begin to drift away, losing some of the easy closeness we had.

The same type of problem is facing us as a brotherhood in the Knights of Columbus. Social distancing affects our community service, how we practice our faith and our interaction with each other as Knights.

Our task is to maintain our mission and fraternity as much as possible until things return to normal. With so many parish social events, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, and so on being cancelled or curtailed for safety, we need to find new ways to stay together.

Fortuitously, Father Dominic needs Knights volunteers to help clear up safety violations around the parish to meet insurance requirements. This request comes at a time we need to find projects that help us to remain close as an organization and fulfill our mission to assist the Church, Community, Parish and Pastor while still allowing safe social distancing. It is also an opportunity to demonstrate to our new Father and the parish that the Knights are active participants in the life of the church. These projects require little technical skills and are things we can safely do as volunteers. Details are being emailed and the dates are being organized. Please find a way to give a little of your time to assist in this local parish project for the good of the Parish and the Council.

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:

- Harry Orlando

MEMBERSHIP

At the June's council meeting, the members approved the dues for this year at \$38.00. Our current membership is 128 members. Our goal for this year is 3 new members.

PGK Marty Knecht is our Membership Director. If you know of anyone who would like become a Knight, please have them contact Marty by phone at 321.435.7354 or email marty.knecht@gmail.com

The new membership year started on June 15th and renewal notices have been sent. Please try to have your dues paid by August 31st. This will help our council to avoid additional mailing costs. If for some reason you can't pay now because of the pandemic or other reasons, please make the financial secretary aware.

The membership cards will be available for pick up in the blue index card box located on the counter at the right side of the Church vestibule. 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

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

AUGUST

Wednesday, August 5th @ 7:00pm
Officers Meeting (ZOOM)

Monday, August 10th @ 7:30pm
Membership Meeting (ZOOM)

Saturday, August 15th @ 8:00am
Parish Renovation

Saturday, August 22nd @ 8:00am
Parish Renovation

Saturday, August 29th @ 8:00am
Parish Renovation

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 9th @ 7:00pm
Officers Meeting (ZOOM)

Saturday, September 12th @ 8:00am
Parish Renovation

Monday, September 14th @ 7:30am
Membership Meeting (ZOOM)

Saturday, September 19th @ 8:00am
Parish Renovation

Saturday, September 26th @ 8:00am
Parish Renovation

Parish Renovation Projects:

Recently, the church and the parish hall were inspected by the insurance company and the inspection report revealed some safety violations that need to be resolved. Therefore, Father Dominic has solicited the Knights to help with some of the items on the list. The council officers met and agreed that this would be a great opportunity for our council to show our support to the church and to get back together again doing what we do best; supporting the needs of the church.

Our first project will be painting the wheel stops at all the parking spaces in the parking lot. Grand Knight Ted will be sending out more information on this work. If you are interested in helping, contact GK Ted at 561.756.0808 or email ted@allkelley.com

Memorial Mass for Howard Wilwerding:

A memorial mass will be held for Howard Wilwerding on Sunday, September 20th at the 9:30 mass. Brother Howard was a 3rd Knight for 66 years and joined the KofC at the age of 17 in Iowa. He was a longtime member of our council and he and his wife Nancy attended many of our events.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

August

7 – Ted Kelley
10 – David Herbert
11 – Steve O'Hara
12 – Mitchell Kolcz
12 – James Strassburger
18 – Doug Aguililla

20 – Daniel Thompson
20 – Matthew Urbanek
21 – Zachary Gershonowitz
23 – Richard Zappulla II
29 – Dea. Bill Ferguson

September

2 – Daniel Gagnon
6 – Anthony Guzzetta
9 – Maurice Mauricette
9 – Joseph Sciascia
12 – Elvarado Baptiste
14 – Harry Orlando

15 – Thomas Clements
25 – Michael Fortino
25 – Carl Trigona
30 – Edward Mottola
30 – Edward Rapano

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Father Michael O'Flaherty Retirement

On June 30, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. Father O'Flaherty celebrated his last mass as Pastor of St. John the Evangelist. He has been a supporter of the Knights and worked together with us throughout the years.

To show our appreciation, we collected \$2,000 from our individual Brothers while Ron Sawchuk arranged for a plaque, which was presented to Father after mass. Fr. O'Flaherty sent a nice thank you note to the council, see below.



Dear Fellow Brother Knights,
Your very generous gift was a shock — However a very pleasant one. As you thank me please know that my heart is full of gratitude for all your help at St. John's over the years. I believe it's true to say that we had a good run together. Keep up the good work. My love,
Fr. O.

Equine-Assisted Therapies:

Our Council donated \$1000 to Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida, monies from our Tootsie Roll Drives and the Council. They expressed deep appreciation for our continued commitment to their organization, providing therapeutic riding and equine-assisted activities for the children and adults with special needs so that they may improve physically, mentally and emotionally.



Annual \$500 Scholarship Award:

Marissa Van Horn is this year's recipient of our Annual Scholarship College Fund. A check of \$500 was presented to Marissa by Past Grand Knight Larry Bower. Marissa is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University High School and is planning to stay close to home and attend Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College in Jupiter, Florida. She will major in neuroscience & behavior science. Marissa was a member of the Youth Choir since she was a young girl. Her parents Robert and Cyndy and brother Wesley have been parishioners of St. John's for many years.

We thank PGK Ed Mottola and his selection committee for their time and efforts in this year's scholarship college fund program.



ISN'T IT GREAT TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH

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?

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.

Marty is a parishioner at St. John's, a brother Knight, and is a fully trained and authorized Advocate for the Diocese of Palm Beach. He has served as an Advocate in the Dioceses of Palm Beach and Orlando since March 2004 and comes highly recommended by all the Tribunal Judges he has worked with.



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/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. A few pickup and deliveries of baby items were made by Brother Jim Etue and PGK Ron Sawchuk this past month. 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. Brother Bruce Kendall made contact with AVDA and offer any assistance the council can do for AVDA during this pandemic.

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.

Be Safe + Be Well + God Bless

Steven J. Schuler, FIC

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