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

THESE MEN THEY CALL KNIGHTS

Worthy Brothers,

We are sending out an agenda of events for the Knights this upcoming year. You will see that there are many events of all different types including a Social Night for brothers and guests, pancake breakfasts and spaghetti dinners, monthly parish maintenance projects, a Christmas party and a parish picnic, wreath fundraisers, a Knights Weekend, Mother's Day and Father's Day giveaways, Special Olympics, Boca Helping Hands, Soup Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity, a Tootsie Roll Drive and more. It's an agenda of diverse activities, with a wide choice of events to choose from. We hope you can find one or two that may pique your interest enough to devote a little of your time.

There will be committee leaders who will be calling for volunteers as the events approach. This would be a good year get involved and get the full benefits a Catholic brotherhood can provide, and to become active in the St. John's family.

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:

- Bro. Mike King by Bro. Jim Melvin

MEMBERSHIP from Brother Marty Knecht:

Recruiting Prospects

The following information was presented in a webinar presented by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council on 21-January-2021 with some adaptations.

What is a Prospect?

A prospect is a future brother Knight who is part of your family, a friend, a parishioner, or a co-worker. If a prospect is interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus, you should get his full name, phone number, and email address and pass this information on to your Membership chairman. (See below)

As you have seen on our Covid masks, "Leave no neighbor behind", this is a prospecting model.

You should call members and all parishioners and ask, "How are you doing?" Ask: "Do you need assistance?" or "Do you know anyone else who needs help?"

Some best practices

- Call on former members
- Ask your field agent for assistance
- Focus on each person
- Make prospecting a team effort

Offer a prospect a good reason to join

- Create an elevator speech
- Tell them how you became a Knight

Explain online exemplifications

- Go to: kofc.org/ceremonials
- Available in English, French, and Spanish

Stay in touch with the new members and get them involved.

Council 11421 Membership Chairman: Marty Knecht, marty.knecht@gmail.com, 561-212-9483

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

AUGUST

Wednesday, August 4th @ 7:00pm
Officers Meeting (ZOOM)

Monday, August 9th @ 7:30am
Membership Meeting

Friday, August 20th @ 10:00am
Harry Orlando Memorial Mass
St. John's Church

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 9th @ 7:00pm
Officer's Meeting (ZOOM)

Monday, September 13th @ 7:30am
Membership Meeting

Saturday, September 18th @ 8am – 11am
St. John's Parish Maintenance

Save the Date

Sunday, October 17th
Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 24th
St. John's Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 30th
Soup Kitchen

Parish Maintenance Projects:

The parish renovation program has ended. After one year of hard physical work by brother knights and their family members, the list of safety violations that were submitted by the insurance company last year is completed.

The Council will continue with a new Monthly Maintenance Program at the parish. The third Saturday of every month will be designated as work day at the church for about 3 hours to do whatever is needed around the church and parish grounds. This is a great opportunity for our council to show our support to the church and for you to give back to our parish community.

If you can help, please contact Grand Knight Ted at 561.756.0808 or email knightsstjohns11421@gmail.com or Jim Urbanek at 561-239-8296 or email jurbanek@bellsouth.net.

Harry Orlando Memorial Service:

Cheryl Orlando is having a Celebration of Life - Memorial Mass for her beloved Harry Orlando, who passed away on August 20, 2020.

The Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10am on August 20, 2021 at St. John the Evangelist Church.

Following the Memorial, there will be light refreshments in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. If you can attend, an RSVP call to Cheryl Orlando would be greatly appreciated. 561-883-1647

Harry was a 3rd degree knight and served as a Lecturer and a Trustee for our council. Harry was always a willing participant when it came time to serve our Tootsie Roll Drives.

Coffee and Donuts Program:



Coffee and Donuts will resume on **Sunday, September 12th** after the 9:30 Mass. We welcome new team members. Anyone who is interested in serving please contact Ron Sawchuk, email onsawchuk@comcast.net or cell 561-699=7391. It only takes 20 minutes of your time after the 9:30 mass and the rewards are seeing the smiles on the children faces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

AUGUST

7 – Ted Kelley
10 – David Herbert
11 – Steven Ohara
12 – Mark Quinn
18 – Douglas Aguillilla

20 – Matthew Urbanek
21 – Zachary Gershonowitz
21 – John Moore
23 – Richard Zappulla II
29 – Deacon Bill Ferguson

SEPTEMBER

2 – Daniel Gagnon
6 – Anthony Guzzetta
9 – Maurice Mauricette
12 – Elvarado Bapptiste
15 – Thomas Clements

19 – Terry Condon
25 – Michael Fortino
25 – Carl Trigona
27 – Deacon Gregory Sherman
30 – Edward Mottola, Jr
30 – Edward Rapuano, Jr

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Parish Renovation Projects:

The last of the painting of the parking lot lines was completed on July 31st.

Jim Urbanek, Marty Knecht, Frank Kistner and Tom Sova, otherwise known as the "A" team, have continued their curb painting efforts and are finally completed. Their diligent efforts for months have paid off on the beautified church grounds that all parishioners appreciate. They are doing the Knights of Council 11421 proud!

Last summer Father Dominic solicited the help of the Knights to resolve safety violations that were identified by the parish's insurance company. After a yearlong of work of power washing sidewalks and curbs, painting curbs and traffic markings, constructing an outside storage area for lawn equipment and install shelving in storage areas, the list that was given to GK Ted from Fr. Dominic is finally completed .

This was not only a great opportunity for our council to show our support to the church but also kept the council involved during the pandemic . A special thanks goes to all the brother knights and their family members who helped on the various projects.



New Members:



Meet our newest members John Moore and Jim Murphy who joined the council last month. Standing next to SK Marty Knecht is Jim Moore and next to Bro Jim Moore is Jim Murphy.

John recently moved here from Rockway Beach, New York, John's brother Jim Moore talked John into moving here after their father passed away. John is retired and likes to fish and visit the beach.

Jim moved here from Michigan with his wife Suzanne. Jim is retired and was a master plumber for 35 years.

Antonio Venditti became a member in June through the online membership. Antonio is the grandson of brother Sal Verdoliva

When you see John, Jim and Antonio please welcome them into our council.

Honorary Life Membership Ceremony:

Marty Kocal received his honorary life membership award for 26 years of service to the Knights in a ceremony at the June 14th council meeting



Marty moved from Dayton, OH to Miramar, FL in 1973 with his wife, Elaine and 2 children and joined St. Bartholomew Church.

In his 24 years in the parish, he served as a Knight, a lector, a Eucharistic Minister, CYO Moderator, Parish Renewal Facilitator and Cursillo leader. Marty also served as president of the Men's Club.

Also, while at St. Bart's, Marty had the "responsibility" of training a rookie priest from Ireland named Father Michael O'Flaherty.

In 1997, Marty and Elaine moved from Miramar to Boca Raton and joined St. John's. Within a few weeks, he was reunited with our new pastor, Fr. Michael O'Flaherty.

In his 24 years at St. John's, Marty has been a regular fixture at Mass from the storefront on Kimberly, to the parish hall, to our current sanctuary. He also served as a Eucharistic Minister for 10 years.

Boca Helping Hands:



It was a day of food bin rejuvenation at Boca Helping Hands of Boca Raton on Saturday, June 19th. Grand Knight Ted Kelley and brother knights Charlie Coward, Dan Gagnon and Jim Urbanek spent the morning rebuilding and painting BHH's food distribution boxes.

The food distribution boxes are used through out the year at collection points for food drives by many different organizations, As time goes along, the boxes acquire damages from transporting them back and forth from the many different places they are used.



BHH Director of Food and Warehouse, Bill Harper asked the knights if we could repair and paint the bins after meeting with GK Ted. This was an easy to do project and the council is planning to do more of this work in the future.



Father's Day Prayer Cards:



The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Whoever says, "I know him," but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him. This is the way we may know that we are in union with him: whoever claims to abide in him ought to live (just) as he lived...
Do not love the world or the things of the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, sensual lust, enticement for the eyes, and a pretentious life, is not from the Father but is from the world. Yet the world and its enticement are passing away. But whoever does the will of God remains forever.
-1Jn 2:3-6, 15-17

After all weekend masses on June 19th & 20th, brother knights were handing out St. John the Evangelist's prayer cards to the fathers attending mass.

The cards were well received

ISN'T IT GREAT TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

Message from Lecturer Alan Daniello:

Brothers,

Will we be judged when we die?

The Bible tells us when we die, we face judgment, sometimes called the judgment of faith. The outcome of this judgment determines whether we go to heaven or hell. This initial judgment depends not on our works but on our faith, which itself is called a gift of God. It is not about what we've done during our lives, but about what Christ has done for us. If we have accepted Christ's atoning death for us, then when God judges us after we die, He sees his Son's sacrifice for us, not our sin. Salvation is a free gift, to which we can contribute absolutely nothing. We have only to humbly receive the gift.

Ephesians 2: 8-9 God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you cannot take credit for this, it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

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

Annulments: Some questions and answers – Part 3

What constitutes a valid marriage?

Answer: 1) Both parties must be free to marry each other

2) At the start of the marriage, each party must intend to accept God's plan for married life as that plan is taught by the Catholic Church.

3) Each party must have the physical and psychological capacity to fulfill the obligations and duties of married life.

4) The marriage ceremony must be celebrated according to the requirements of Church law for the person who is being married.

What is a Declaration of Nullity?

1) It is an official declaration of the Church that a particular marriage was null and void from the very beginning, i.e., certain essential ingredients were missing before and/or on the day of the wedding.

2) A Declaration of Nullity does not end a marriage.

3) A Declaration of Nullity states that the marriage is not binding under Church law.

A better term would be a "Decree of Invalidity" is granted to the petitioning party.

Look here for more annulment questions and answers in the coming months.

For a completely confidential discussion of annulments and the annulment process, contact Marty Knecht at 561-212-9483 or via email: marty.knecht@gmail.com.



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.

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 **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?

Greetings Brother Knights,

Here it is August already...and the summer is more than halfway over. I hope that you are enjoying some rest and relaxation!

I can't seem to pick up anything to read, whether it's a newspaper, some type of news feed on my computer, or a periodical, without finding articles about retirement. With so many baby boomers getting to that age I guess I should expect it. Articles tell me how to boost my retirement, how to save for retirement, how to use certain plans to have a successful retirement. Some of these articles talk about maximizing the money that I've saved, some talk about maximizing my government benefits, some talk about how I can lower my taxes in retirement. Some articles talk about retirement without even retiring, they say keep on working or take on a new job in the gig economy. Frankly, that doesn't seem like much of a retirement to me.

When I retire, I want to do some of those things I've put off over my working years: spend more time with family, travel, get immersed in my hobbies...those kinds of things. I've begun a bucket list to keep track of all the things I'd like to do when I retire.

Here are a few of my thoughts about retirement:

1. I want to retire "to" something, not "from" something. Many believe that the rocking chair on the front porch kills retirees. Retirement means having something different to engage in, not simply sitting around and doing nothing.
2. "Begin with the end in sight." One of the seven habits of successful people as espoused by Stephen Covey. What do you want your retirement to look like? What do you want to do, where do you want to go, how do you want to continue to contribute to your church, your council, and your community?
3. Have goals and have a plan. If you begin with the end in sight, now you have to make a plan on how you want to get there. Write it down, make it happen, the book by Henriette Klauser might be helpful. A goal without a plan to get there is just a dream.

I've talked to a number of members and their spouses lately and retirement always comes up as a topic of conversation when we review their current situation. It doesn't seem to matter their age. I've had members as young as 35 and as old as 70 over the past couple of months want to talk about retirement and making sure that they're set at some point in the future. Let's face it, the 35-year-old has a lot more time to plan. Time is an ally for him. As changes occur in the economy, he has time to make course corrections. He has time to contribute more to meet the family's income goals, he'll probably earn more as he progresses in his career. For the older member, time is no friend. Less time to earn income, less time to cope with the vagaries of the economy, and topped out in earning power. The closer one gets to the planned retirement age, the more important that a strategy be in place.

That's where I can help. Our new financial needs analysis tool allows me to plug in your personal information and let you see where you stand. Are you accumulating enough funds to meet your retirement income goal? Are there ways to make sure you'll never run out of money in retirement? Is your money safe and secure, not following the whims of the market?

Let's get together and make sure you have a strategy to put you in the winner's circle.

Vivat Jesus!



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