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

THESE MEN THEY CALL KNIGHTS

Worthy Brothers,

With Advent upon us, a new liturgical year begins for our Holy Church. Let's take time to reflect on what this season means and to thank God for all the blessings that he has bestowed on us, through our families and friends. We always find the time to ask God for our needs, but how often do we stop and thank Him for all that he has given us.

There will not be a council meeting on Monday December 9th due to the Advent Penance Service. However, the council meeting will be rescheduled for Thursday, December 12th at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall, Classroom 5 & 6. There are tickets available for the Parish Christmas Dinner, Friday December 13th at 7:00pm. You can get tickets after all masses or at the Parish Office.

Our Retention Committee has closed out their report on November 30th. We had 12 members who requested to be removed from our membership. We wish them all the best and thank them for their service to the council. Also, we learned that we had two members who passed away. Dr. Alfonso Janoski who passed away in May of this year and Anthony Noto who passed away in 2016. May their souls rest in peace. I want to thank DGK Ted Kelley who led this committee and Trustee PGK PDD Ron Sawchuk and our Financial Secretary Jim Falzone who served on committee for their hard work. On a brighter note, we had two new members join the council last month and we have four candidates who submitted applications. We hope they will be joining us soon.

I want to thank SK Alan Daniello and his wife Liz for a successful year with the St. John's Food Basket Ministry and all the brother knights, their families and parishioners who participated with the packing of the thanksgiving boxes. It was a great time on Friday and I'm sure we made a difference to many families on Thanksgiving Day.

May God bless you and your families this Christmas Season and may you all have a Happy, Healthy Blessed New Year.

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:

- Alyssa Jacobson by Bro. Dan Gagnon
- Grace Lazarus by Bro. Kevin Lazarus
- Bill Harper by Bro Ron Sawchuk
- Debbie & Charles Coward by Bro. Harry Orlando
- Yvonne Balcon by KofC Council 11421

MEMBERSHIP

Our council dues are \$38.00. The Retention Committee completed the member retention review for this year and 14 members were removed from our membership rolls. Also, they were able to get many late members to pay their dues before the end of the year.

Currently, our membership is 138 members. Welcome Thomas Agostino and Romero Andrade as new members and we have 4 applications pending for the Admission Degree. Our goal this year is 10 new members and 4 insurance members.

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 meeting held on the 2nd Monday of every month. 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

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 DECEMBER & JANUARY

DECEMBER

Monday, December 9th @ 7:00pm
Penance Service (No Meeting)

Thursday, December 12th @ 7:30pm
Business Meeting

Friday, December 13th, @ 7:00pm
Parish Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 14th, @ 8:30am
Boca Helping Hands

Wednesday, December 25th
Christmas

JANUARY

Wednesday, January 1st
New Year's Day

Saturday, January 11th @ 8:30am
Boca Helping Hands

Monday, January 13th @ 7:30pm
Business Meeting

Sunday, January 19th, After All Masses
Pancake Breakfast

Parish Christmas Dinner



Dinner and Evening of Christmas Songs, December 13th at the Parish Hall, Dinner at **7pm** followed by group singing of Christmas Songs with Mary Rose/Youth Music Ministry and cantor Juan. Tickets \$25 with Open Bar. Menu: Choice of Baked Ham or Eggplant Rollatini, Seasoned Vegetables, Sweet Potatoes, Salad, Desert and Coffee/Soft Drink, Beer and Wine included. Net Proceeds will benefit the good works of the Knights of Columbus Council 11421

Boca Helping Hands



The dates for Boca Helping Hands events are **Saturday, December 14th** and **January 11th** at **Boca Glades Baptist Church** on the corner of Judge Winikoff Rd. and 441. 5-10 participants are needed to unload the truck and set up tables, tents and chairs and also to help with bagging of frozen meat and produce items. At the conclusion, help with the loading of the truck and clean up. If you are interested, please contact Brother **Charles Coward** at **561.757.3177** or email ccoward4@verizon.net for more information.

The Giving Tree

The **Supporting Life Ministry** will be hosting **The Giving Tree** in the Church Vestibule on weekends of **December 14th** and **21st**. On the tree, there will be ornament tags with much needed items for **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. If you are able to help, please take an ornament tag and bring back your Unwrapped Gift to the Church or Parish office by **December 30th**. A collection box will be located in the Church vestibule on both weekends. The need is diapers and clothing. Thank you for your support.

Pancake Breakfast



On **Sunday, January 19th**, after **all Masses** a **Pancake Breakfast** will be held in the **Parish Hall**. Net proceeds will benefit the good works of the Knights of Columbus Council 11421. Menu will consist of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, fruit, juice and coffee. **Adults \$5.00, Children \$3.00**. Let's make this event as successful as the last one. Volunteers are needed at each serving, contact GK Larry Bower at 954.520.1713 or email at bowerl@bellsouth.net.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

December

1 – Robert Aiosa
2 – Charles Coward
4 – Joseph Gallo
4 – Diego Montoya
5 – Michael Eustace
7 – Hector Falgons
8 – Timothy Morando
10 – Alejandro Colas
10 – Shawn Keechie
11 – Steve Rubino
14 – Lewis Campagnari
18 – Robert Anderson
19 – William Doyle
22 – Robert Halula
23 – Harry McAllister
26 – Donald Di Pasquale
29 – Ronald Sawchuk
31 – Mark Cancalosi

January

2 – William Jones
7 – Brian Gallipeau
10 – Kurt Dombro
10 – Bruce Kendall
17 – Santo Carollo
18 – Eugene Guiliano
19 – Carl Diliberto
29 – Richard Natrillo
29 – Steven Simpson

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

New Members:



Charles Coward for recruiting Thomas.

Welcome our newest members of the year, Thomas Agostino and Romero Andrade who joined our council on Wednesday, October 23rd. The district exemplification team conducted an Admission Degree ceremony at St. Lucy Catholic Church, Highland Beach. There were many candidates from over the district who joined the Knights.

Both Thomas and Romero helped out this past month with the Parish Food Basket Ministry. They are great guys who want to spread the good will our council has to offer. I'm sure we'll see both Thomas and Romero in many of our upcoming council activities. Thanks to PGK PDD Ron Sawchuk for recruiting Romero and SK

Boca Helping Hands:



Bower, Bill Doyle, and parishioner Charles Ciccone helping people in need at Boca Helping Hands' event at Boca Glades Baptist Church.

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

Fall has arrived and so did the cooler weather for our day at the Boca Helping Hands event on Saturday, October 12th at the Boca Glades Baptist Church. Pictured are Debbie Coward, Cheryl Orlando, Brothers Charles Coward, Jack Blasius, Dan Gagnon, Jim Melvin, and Al Blake. Always great to have family members and brothers helping to serve the needs of the community.

On Saturday Nov 9th, brothers strong with Richard De Clemente, Al Blake, Ron Sawchuk, Dan Gagnon, Jack Blasius, Larry



Pancake Breakfast:

The first Pancake Breakfast of the year was held on Sunday, October 13th, after all the Masses in the Parish Hall. The breakfast was a great success having raised money for our supported charities. A big thanks to all the members who helped with the breakfast and to our dedicated parishioners who came to this event.

In the kitchen helping were Dan Gagnon who took over making the pancakes and Jim Falzone and Tony Giuliani who helped with the making of the scramble eggs and sausages.



Thanks to our brother knights, Ron Sawchuk, Bruce Kendall, Tommy Traino, Al Daniello and Lenny Mario (not pictured) for helping on the serving line.



Also, thanks to all parishioners who attended.



St. John's Food Drive for Thanksgiving Boxes:

Thursday, November 21st was a busy day for setting up tables and sorting the food items for the Thanksgiving boxes. Friday with the assembly line in place, the packing of the Thanksgiving Boxes started and within a couple of hours 375 boxes were made. What a great team effort!!!



Thanks to SK Al Daniello and his wife Liz and the St. John's Food Basket Ministry who work hard all year long to make this two-day event a great event for the St. John's Parish. See attached a thank you letter from the Food Basket Committee thanking all the brother knights who helped

over the two-days.

One of our newest member Romero Andrade was helping to load boxes onto the Soup Kitchen's truck. Also, our other newest member Thomas Agostino was helping on Thursday with the setup and he along with Brothers Ron Sawchuk and GK Larry Bower each hauled a load of broken-down cardboard boxes to the recycling plant.



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 7th and an Early Bird drawing on March 8th 2020. On May 23rd, 2020, at the Florida State Council Convention a drawing will be held for first prize at \$25,000, 2nd Prize at \$10,000, 3rd prize at \$5,000 and five \$1,000 prizes. Donor 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:

The Supporting Life Ministry will be sponsoring the Annual Giving Tree to support the Birthline/Lifeline Pregnancy Care Centers. The Giving Tree will be displayed in the Church vestibule on the weekends of December 14th & 15th and December 21st and 22nd. If you can help, please take a gift tag and return your donation to our drop-off box in the vestibule or Parish office by Monday, December 30th. Please do not wrap your donation. Diapers and clothing are very much in demand.

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

Brother Bruce Kendall and his wife Betsy and Olga Quinn members of the Supporting Life group held a birthday party for about 35 children and their mothers at AVDA facility in Delray Beach on Saturday November 16th. There

were games for the children play and ice cream and cake to eat. The kids had a great time. This event may be the only time a child has a birthday party, so for some of the children it's was a special time in their lives.

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**. The group will be taking a summer break and will start monthly meetings in September.

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?

Recently I 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

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