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

THESE MEN THEY CALL KNIGHTS

Worthy Brothers,

What a trying year 2020 has been for us all! From the pandemic, our national and personal economic turmoil, school closings, social distancing, face masks as well as fewer family and church gatherings, it has been a difficult time of change.

Even though our usual activities such as Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, Knights dinners and in-person meetings have been temporarily eliminated, Brothers have found methods to continue to be of service. It is heartwarming to see the adjustments our Brother Knights have made to continue our Mission, despite the chaos of COVID.

In this newsletter you can see multiple instances where we have continued old and found new methods to serve our parish and our community. We have made face masks, cleaned and fixed up the parish, collected cereal for the needy, made and sold wreaths, assisted at the Soup Kitchen and Boca Helping Hands, worked as an Advocate, developed the Giving Tree and otherwise continued to make ourselves available in Service. We can be proud of our collective ingenuity in finding creative ways to contribute to our spiritual family. Thank you, Brother Knights, for your spirit and your service.

I hope that you all have a very Merry Christmas season! May your time with family and friends be filled with joy and with gratitude for our blessings this year.

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:

- Medical Personnel and First Responders •

MEMBERSHIP

"Just as Father McGivney personally asked men to assist him in establishing his mission, so too must ALL members of St. John the Evangelist Council 11421 continue that mission and ask every eligible Catholic man in our parish and community to join our council." (ref: KofC Flyer 10233 4/16)

New members are the life blood of each council and each new member brings their unique gifts and talents you 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.

The dues for this year are \$38.00. Our current membership is 121 members. Our quota for this year is 6 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 561.212.9483 or email marty.knecht@gmail.com

Membership cards are available for 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.

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 December & January

DECEMBER

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

Monday, December 14th @ 7:30pm
Membership Meeting (ZOOM)

Weekend Masses December, 12th, 13th & 19th, 20th
Giving Tree

Friday, December 25th
Merry Christmas

JANUARY

Friday, January 1st
Happy New Year

Wednesday, January 6th @ 7:00pm
Officer's Meeting

Monday, January 11th @ 7:30am
Membership Meeting

Parish Renovation Projects:

Father Dominic had solicited the help of our Council to resolve some of the safety violations that were listed in the inspection report made by the insurance company this past summer. To date, some of those items have been completed, but we still have more work to do.

Our next parish project will be installing shelving in the Parish Hall. The current shelving is free standing and not anchor to the wall which is in violation of the policy. The new shelving needs to be mounted directly to wall. Also, the cleaning of the wheel stops in the grass area of the parking lot has yet to be done. The schedule for this work is pending.

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

Christmas Wreaths:



Sales are under way for the Christmas Wreaths. This is our big fund raiser for the year. The artificial wreaths are 24" in size and sell for \$38 unlighted and \$55 lighted with free home delivery in the local area. The net proceeds will go to benefit the parish's renovation projects.

The sales have been very good and you can't beat the free home delivery during this pandemic. Every brother knight should have a wreath in their home and by purchasing one you will be supporting the needs of our Church. There are only 35 wreaths left. Sales will end on December 13th.

You can purchase your wreath through the online link using a credit card, see below:

<https://heartlandpaymentservices.net/WebPayments/KofCCN11421/bills>

This is an easy way to shop from the convenience of your home. Also, you can use the link to renew your member dues. The link is very secure and easy to operate.

Giving Tree

The weekends of December 12th & 13th and 19th & 20th, the Supporting Life Ministry will be hosting the Giving Tree located in the Church vestibule. 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, counseling, medical referrals and material assistance for their babies. If you are able to help, please take an ornament tag or use the listing in the Church Bulletin.

This year the Birthline/Lifeline Pregnancy Centers **don't need diapers or girl's clothes**. The categories that they do need are as follows:

Baby Bottles (Not Playtex), Baby Shampoo and Wash (Small & Medium), Baby Towels & Washcloths, Baby Wipes, Boy Clothes---Size Newborn to 3T, Convertible Car Seat, Pack-N-Play, Rattles & Teething Rings and Receiving Blankets.

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 Great...Thank you for your support.

Decorative Face Masks:

Our skilled seamstress Brother Charles Coward is at work again making decorative face masks this holiday season. There are two types, the sport theme that sells for \$10 and the spiritual, or playful ones and others that sell for \$7.

They are well-crafted and worth the money. All net proceeds will go to benefit the parish's renovation projects. You can purchase these masks after Mass or you can contact Charles by email at ccoward@verizon.net



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

December

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| 2 – Charles Coward | 14 – Lewis Campagnari |
| 4 – Joseph Gallo | 18 – Robert Anderson |
| 4 – Diego Montoya | 19 – William Doyle |
| 7 – Hector Falgons | 22 – Robert Halula |
| 8 – Timothy Morando | 23 – Harry Mc Allister |
| 10 – Alejandro Colas | 26 – Don Pasquale |
| 10 – Shawn Keechie | 28 – Ronald Sawchuk |
| 11 – Steven Rubino | 31 – Mark Cancalosi |

January

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| 18 – Eugene Guiliano |
| 19 – Carl Diliberto |
| 29 – Richard Natrillo |
| 29 – Steve Simpson |

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Parish Renovation Projects:

Some of the parish renovation projects that had been designated as safety violations by the insurance company have started and are completed. The first and one of the easiest projects to do was pressure washing the sidewalks around the Parish Hall and the Church. After several weeks of hard work by Brothers Dan Gagnon, Jim Melvin, Kurt Dombro, Romero Andrade and his wife Katia, DGK Tom Agostino, Rosario Bongiovanni, Scott Spenser, Doug Aguililla, Tom Sova and his son Jonathan and GK Ted Kelley the sidewalks are shiny and clean once again.



Also started were the cleaning of the wheel stops in the asphalt areas of the parking lot. These stops will be painted safety yellow to comply with the safety requirements.



The second project completed was building the roof over the walls of A/C compound near the traffic circle at the Pavilion. Thanks to the skills and talents of Brother Jim Urbanek and brother knights who helped build this structure. This structure will house the lawnmower and other lawn equipment and supplies. This has satisfied another safety violation.



The third project was stabilizing the statues in the courtyard (with concrete pads) and also, having the seats on the concrete benches glued to their pedestals for safety purposes. Another safety violation resolved.

Brother knights continue to clean up and mulch around the church's landscaping and the flag pole area.

If you are interested in helping with future projects, contact GK Ted at 561.756.0808 or email ted@allkelley.com.

Christmas Wreaths:

Deputy Grand Knight Tom Agostino and his wife Karen chaired the Knights of Columbus Christmas Wreath Sale. The Ladies of St. John's added to the creativity and artistry in making the wreaths. A big thank you the Ladies of John's for the great work that they did to help make this event successful.



If the remaining wreaths are sold the Council should end up making a very nice profit on a fund raiser that is very untraditional for our Council. Thanks to our Grand Knight Ted and his leadership team for thinking of other ways to raise money for our Church and council during this time of COVID.

Boynton Beach Soup Kitchen:

Saturday, November 14th, Brother Alan Daniello lead the team of volunteers to the Boynton Beach Soup Kitchen. While we only had three volunteers from the council it still was an enjoyable and a fantastic morning feeding 138 families. Our Grand Knight Ted and Brother Kurt Dombro had the sweet job of filling cups and bags with candy, while our Brother Al had the harder job of working on the line handing out bread and rolls. Serving and cleanup were completed by noon and everyone felt it was rewarding experience. If you missed this event, GK Ted made arrangements with CEO Marlene for another trip in the Spring.



Brother Al and his wife Liz who leads The Food Basket Ministry at St. John's presented The Soup Kitchen a check of \$2,000.00 (including gifts cards). These monies were donated by the parishioners of St. John's. Normally, the parish collects over 10,000 items of food for the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.

However, this year due to the pandemic we are unable to gather to fill those Thanksgiving Boxes. By consolidating the donations, it allowed our Parish to still contribute to feeding families who are currently in dire need. The Food Basket Ministry wants to thank all who have contributed to this year's donation. Your generosity was over whelming.



COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH & COMMUNITY

Boca Helping Hands – Cereal Drive:



Council Trustees Ron Sawchuk, Bruce Kendall and Larry Bower conducted a cereal drive to help Boca Helping Hands during this time of food insecurity.

With the help of family and friends, the Trustees were able to collect 109 boxes of cereal, weighing 140 lbs. Cereal is one of the items that BHH seems to never have enough of to fill their pantry bags.

ISN'T IT GREAT TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

Message from Lecturer Alan Daniello:

Brothers,

November was a month we normally set aside to be thankful for all the blessings our Lord has given us. This year, 2020, may seem odd to many of us. We may be saying, "What are we supposed to be grateful for", with supply shortages, long lines, masks vs. no masks, widespread cancellations, uncertainty and deep-felt fear.

While these reactions are understandable, we need to look at life through the lenses of what Jesus has taught us. He taught us to be grateful and to take action.

What can we be thankful for?

- Government leaders who have taken actions to make us safe
- Technology that allows us to stay connected even while social distancing
- Medical science who are working on a cure for COVID
- Medical personnel and first responders who are the front lines of COVID
- The Pope and all our clergy who are providing for our spiritual nourishment

How can we take action to help ourselves gain the Kingdom of God, which is our ultimate goal?

- Assist our neighbors when and where we can
- Be mindful of staying healthy and safe

God,

Sometimes life gets me down and I find it hard to see things to be thankful for. Please open my eyes to see the gifts you've given me in my life. I am going to start by thanking You for loving me enough to come to earth and dying so we may all live together forever.

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 to 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.

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.

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/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. Giving Tree will be available on the weekend Masses of December 12th and the 19th. Members who would like to help with the setup, collection of items and delivery, please contact Jim Etue at 772.359.1190

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

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Comments and corrections are welcome.

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