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

THESE MEN THEY CALL KNIGHTS

Worthy Brothers,

The start of the new year comes with changes to the Knights of Columbus Degree program. If you have not heard, there are no longer three degrees but only one degree. The Admission (1st), Formation (2nd), and Brotherhood (3rd) degrees have been absorbed into one degree. The 3 principles of our order Charity, Unity and Fraternal are still the core of the new degree. However the 3 principles will be bestowed upon the new member at the new exemplification ceremony.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson had an article in the recent Columbia magazine explaining the reasons for the changes to the Degree program and the Exemplification's ceremony. He mentioned there is a crisis in our Church and that crisis is a lack of evangelization. The Church has seen some astonishing numbers in the past 50 years with people leaving the Church and the diminishing number of sacramental marriages and baptisms which have fallen off by 40% and weekly Mass attendance has dropped from 50% to 20%. The Church is changing and that's why changes are being made with the Knights of Columbus.

The current degrees are a product of the late 19th century where fraternal societies competed and men wanted secrecy and multiple stages of progression in their order. The men of today are not the men of the 1880's or for that fact the men of the 1980's, so a change had to be made to attract more men. There were other things for the change such as members were not advancing any further than the first and second degrees and there was a lack of ceremonial teams and ceremonies that were time-consuming and difficult to attend. Therefore, the current system fell short in promoting all the principles of our order to have truly a Catholic fraternal membership. With no vision of things improving in the years to come, this change was implemented to bring in men that we need and men who need us. Our core principles have not changed. It's just that our core principles will be taught at the first exemplification ceremony and the member can practice a Catholic way of life as it was meant to be with the 3 degrees.

So, the crisis in the Church that the Supreme Knight was referring to is lack of evangelization. He is asking the Knights of Columbus to rise up and meet this challenge, to become again a Church that evangelizes. In future, you will be seeing more emphasis on our Faith In Action programs. We are men who are acting in our faith helping children and families and also meeting the spiritual needs of our men and our Catholic families.

Hope everyone's year got off to a good start. Our Fraternal year is half over and there is still a lot of work to do before the year is over. If you haven't helped with any of our fundraising events this year, I encourage you to do so before the year is over. The Tootsie Roll Drive is scheduled next month and a good charity to be a part of. Remember our first principle is Charity.

God bless you and your families.
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:

- Carmen Verdoliva
- Bill Harper
- Bobby Brusca
- Doug Aton
- Marybeth O'Conner
- Christopher O'Flaherty

MEMBERSHIP

Our council dues are \$38.00. Currently, our membership is at 139 members. Welcome Leonard Bizzarro our newest member who received his exemplification into the Knights last month. Our goal this year is 10 new members and 4 insurance members. To date we have 3 new members and one new insurance member for this year/

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 FEBRUARY & MARCH

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 8th @ 8:30am
Boca Helping Hands

Monday, February 10th @ 7:00pm
Business Meeting

Saturday, February 15th @ 9:30am
Ladies Fashion Show

Wednesday, February 26th
Ash Wednesday

MARCH

Tuesday & Wednesday, Mar 3rd & Mar. 4th
Long Sleeve Shirt Relief

Monday, March 9th @ 7:30pm
Business Meeting

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

Sunday, March 15th @ 6:00pm
St. Patrick Dinner Dance

Saturday & Sunday, Mar. 14th & Mar, 15th
Tootsie Roll Drive

Monday, March 23rd @ 7:00pm
Stations of the Cross

Monday, March 30th @ 7:00pm
Penitential Service

Boca Helping Hands



The dates for Boca Helping Hands events are **Saturday, February 8th** and **Saturday, March 14th** 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.

Long Sleeve Shirt Relief:



Long Sleeve Shirt Relief will be held on **Tuesday and Wednesday March 3rd & 4th**. Men's and women's long sleeve shirts will be collected by **Deacon Bill Ferguson** just outside the **Parish Office**. The shirts are taken to a migrant community in our area to be used by the field workers. It's time to clear your closets of unwanted long sleeve shirts and donate them to a good cause.

Tootsie Roll Drive:



On **Saturday March 14th & Sunday March 15th** a **Tootsie Roll Drive** will be held at the **Old Navy** store in Shadowood Shopping Square for **Citizens with Disabilities**. The monies will be donated at the end of the fraternal year to **Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida, Inc** at Tradewinds Park, Coconut Creek, FL. If you would like to participate in this event, please contact Brother **Ted Kelley** at **561- 756-0808** or email ted@kelleyalliance.com

St. Patrick Dinner Dance:



The **St. Patrick Dinner Dance** will be held on **Sunday, March 15th** at the Parish Hall. Check the church bulletin for details. The winner of the St. John's 300 Club grand prize of \$5,000 will be announced that night. 300 Club tickets are on sale at the Parish Office. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Cost of each ticket is \$100. Be part of a great dinner and dancing and you may be a Winner!

Save the Date

Annual \$500 Scholarship Award:



Application's for **Knights of Columbus 16th Annual \$500.00 Scholarship Award** will be available to a graduating high school senior at the Parish Office. Deadline for submitting the application is **May 30th, 2020**. If you know of a graduating high school senior, who is planning to attend college, encourage them to submit an application. We don't want this scholarship to go unclaimed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

February

17 – Terence Hines
17 – Travis White
21 - Timothy Brown
23 – Jacob Blasius

23 – John Sherman
24 – Clifford Shepard
28 – Michael Razzo

March

7 – Joseph Barthol
8 – Michael Welch
10 – Joseph Ender
12 – William Guarino
13 – Tom Smith
15 – Christopher Stone
19 – Robert Heck

20 – John Collins
25 – Nerio Falcone
25 – Joshua Guevara
25 – Thomas Sova
26 – Kevin Lazarus
27 – James Melvin
29 – Richard Russell

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

New Member:

Welcome Leonard Bizzarro our third new member for this year. Leonard is our first member to join the Council by the way of the new exemplification ceremony. Leonard and Deputy Grand Knight Ted Kelley attended the Region 7 Rally that was held on Saturday, January 25th at 9:00am at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church in Delray. The Regional Rally was open to everyone to attend including wives, family and friends. Rally opened with presentations about the Knight's and the Order's focus on faith, family, community, life and patriotism. After the presentations, those wanting to become a Knight entered into a degree ceremony.

The new format for becoming a Knight will continue now at the local council level with presentations and videos. No longer will new members have to travel outside their area for an exemplification ceremony. This new format is to expedite the process for new members and to have the families involved.

Boca Helping Hands:



December was the month for giving and what better way to give than to volunteer at Boca Helping Hands on Saturday, December 14th at the Boca Glades Baptist Church. Pictured are Brother Charles and his wife Debbie Coward, Brothers Bill Doyle, Doug Aguililla, Dan Gagnon and Grand Knight Larry Bower. Always great to have family members and brothers helping to serve the needs of the community.

On Saturday January 11th, brothers strong with Brother Charles and his wife Debbie, Jack Blasius, Jim Melvin, Rosario Bongiovanni and Grand Knight Larry Bower had a very productive day at the 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.



Parish Christmas Dinner:

Our Parish Christmas Diner was a wonderful night with good food, wonderful festive music and good friends on December 13th at Parish Hall. This year's menu was our traditional Bake Ham dinner in addition to Eggplant Rollatini catered by Doris Market. Our entertainment by Mary Rose Gallipeau, our Parish Youth Choir Director and Juan Zayas, our cantor for the Saturday evening Mass was again fabulous. Both are very talented and you can see their love for music in their performance.

A big thanks to the Ladies of St. Johns who decorated the Parish Hall and who helped with the food serving duties. Also, the brother Knights who helped setup, cleanup and the bartending duties. Without everyone's support this event would not have been successful.



Pancake Breakfast:

Our second Pancake Breakfast of the year was held on Sunday, January 19th, after all the Masses in the Parish Hall. The breakfast was again great success having more parishioners than ever before attending, Thanks goes to all the members who helped with the breakfast and to our dedicated parishioners who came to enjoy our culinary efforts.

In the kitchen making the pancakes was Dan Gagnon, Tony Giuliani made the scramble eggs and Rosario Bongiovanni baked the sausages. A special thanks to Brother Jack Collins for providing the peppers and onions for the Firehouse Scramble Eggs, which are a very popular with the parishioners.

Thanks to all our brother knights who helped in the kitchen, cleaned up and worked on the serving line, also thanks to all parishioners who attended.



The Giving Tree

On January 6th, a caravan of 3 SUVs and a car loaded with donated items from the Giving Tree traveled to Boynton Beach to Birthline/Lifeline Pregnancy Centers. During the Christmas season the Supporting Life Ministries group hosted a Giving Tree that displayed ornament tags requesting items for infants and small children at Birthline/Lifeline Pregnancy Care Centers. The Center is sponsored by the Catholic Charities of Palm Beach.

The donated items ranged from infant and small children clothing, strollers, diapers, bibs and wash towels, car seats, strollers, baby rattles and teething rings.

Katherine Bowers/ Director and Karen O'Neil, Assist, Director, were very pleased to see the generous gifts from the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist this year. The donated amount has not been tabulated yet but all speculation has the amount being more than last year. A special thanks to Supporting Life Ministry group for organizing this event and to the parishioners of St. John's for helping make the Giving Tree a success. Also, a big thank you to Brother Jim Etue, PGK DD Ron Sawchuk, GK Larry Bower and Brother Bruce Kendall for taking time out of their busy schedules to deliver the donated items to the Birthline/Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center. A worthwhile cause, knowing that we are helping women and children who are in need at a very difficult time in their lives.



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 of \$25,000, 2nd Prize of \$10,000, 3rd prize of \$5,000 and five \$1,000 prizes. Winner 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 items collected from the Annual Giving Tree to support the Birthline/Lifeline Pregnancy Care Centers were delivered to the center on January 6th.

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 Jim Etue and Brother Bruce Kendall and his wife Betsy helped at AVDA annual race held on January 11th.

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?

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

Steven J. Schuler, FIC

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Comments and corrections are welcome.

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