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February/March 2021

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

THESE MEN THEY CALL KNIGHTS

Worthy Brothers,

I want to thank all the volunteers who helped with pressure cleaning, shed and shelving: Tom Sova and Jonathan Tom's son, Doug Aguililla, Scott Spencer, special thanks to Romero and Katia Andrade and extra special thanks to Jim Urbanek, Jim Melvin and Dan Gagnon. They were long, wet and messy projects that really brightened up the church. Thank you, Brothers!

With vaccines, there is light on the horizon; we can soon begin to pass from this Covid-19 darkness. Let us stay diligent over the next few months and get this behind us. We so much look forward to the return to "normal". Hugging, extended family member time, full masses, in-person meetings, pancake breakfasts, dinner dances, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, Helping Life events, Boca Helping Hands grocery disbursements are all things that will return if we hang on and stay safe for a little while longer.

May God bless us with patience.

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:

- John Mulhall by Bro. Ron Sawchuk
- Eva Mottola by Bro Ed Mottola
- Joe and Emily Galea by GK Ted Kelley

Karen Balcon passed away last month. Karen was a sister of Debbie Coward and a sister-in-law of Brother Charles Coward. Karen was a nurse who gave care to many people in Los Angeles. We extend our sincere sympathies and prayers to the families of Karen. May God give Karen eternal rest in Heaven.

Mark Sepelyak passed away last month. Mark was an usher at the 11am Mass for many years and served on the Golf Committee. We extend our sincere sympathies and prayers to the families of Mark. May God give Mark eternal rest in Heaven.

Millie Ciavolino passed away last month. Millie was a supporter of the council for many years. We extend our sincere sympathies and prayers to the families of Millie. May God give Millie eternal rest in Heaven.

MEMBERSHIP

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

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 123 members. Our quota for this year is 6 new members including the replacement of 7 members that were dropped last January.

Membership cards are available to 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

Recently the Supreme Council offered a webinar titled "Can Do Strategies for a Successful Second Half". Here are some of the highlights from the webinar with suggestions made by Supreme to the councils along with Brother Marty's comments who attended the webinar:

1. **Suggestion:** Publicize your council's good works.
 - a. **Council:** St. John's parish web page has links to our newsletters and other useful information. Father Dominic has been displaying photographs of "Knights in Action" doing Parish work at weekend masses on the television screens. We are indeed active and visible.
2. **Suggestion:** Create a meaningful presence in [the] parish bulletin.
 - a. **Council:** In the parish bulletin we have council contact information as well as an open invitation for all Catholic men to help support the works of our Pastor and our brothers and sisters in need. A link is provided for access to our council's activities.
3. **Suggestion:** Identify Prospective brothers
 - a. **Council:** What we have done: Brother Knights have talked about the Knights of Columbus to members of the Finance Council as well as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers and members of St. John's parish. We have told our story about becoming a Knight and what made it important for us to join the fraternity of Catholic men.
4. **Suggestion:** Make exemplifications easily accessible to prospective brothers.
 - a. **Council:** Links to the online exemplification have been provided to all new members. They were to complete the exemplification in about thirty minutes and become Third Degree Knights.
 - b. **Council:** All new members are invited to attend our Zoom meetings and meet some of the members of our council and learn about our ongoing activities.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY & MARCH

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 3rd @ 7:00pm
Officers Meeting (ZOOM)

Monday, February 8th @ 7:30pm
Membership Meeting (ZOOM)

Wednesday, February 17th
Ash Wednesday

MARCH

Wednesday, March 3rd @ 7:00pm
Officer's Meeting

Monday, March 8th @ 7:30am
Membership Meeting

Sunday, March 28th
Palm Sunday

Parish Renovation Projects:

The sealing of the concrete sidewalks and wheel stops will be the Council's next parish renovation project. By sealing the concrete this will help to deter the growth of algae. A future date will be announced for the scheduled work.

Another parish renovation project is the painting of the parking spaces in the parking lot, the handicap parking areas, fire lanes, crosswalk areas, no parking areas and hazardous curb areas. This work will be scheduled later.

If you can help with any of this work, please contact Grand Knight Ted at 561.756.0808 or email ted@allkelley.com.

\$30,000 Charity Raffle:

The Florida State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Raffle tickets are available from Deputy Grand Knight Tom Agostino, tmagostino@gmail.com, 954.495.6315 or GK Ted Kelley knightsstjohns11421@gmail.com, 561.756.0808 or they are available at some selected Masses The raffle booklet contains 10 raffle tickets at \$1.00 each. The raffle benefits the charities supported by the Florida K of C Charities, Inc. and half of the monies collected remains with the Council to be used for Council's own supported charities.

On May 29th, 2021, at the Florida State Council Convention, a drawing will be held for first prize at \$15,000, 2nd Prize at \$10,000, 3rd prize at \$5,000. Donor need not be present to win.

Donations are not deductible as a charitable contribution for Federal Tax purposes.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

February

17 – Terence Hines
21 – Tim Brown
23 – Jim Blasius

24 – Clifford Shepard
28 – Michael Razzo

March

1 – Nicholas Morrone
8 – Michael Welch
10 – Joseph Ender
12 – William Guarino
13 – Tom Smith
19 – Robert Heck
20 – John Collins

25 – Nerio Falcone
25 – Joshua Guevara
25 – Thomas Sova
26 – Kevin Lazarus
27 – James Melvin
29 – Leonard Bizzaro
29 – Richard Russell

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

New Members:

Meet our newest members Nicholas Reboli and Richard Crawford.

Nicholas Reboli transferred from St. Joan of Arc, Council 13051 Boca Raton. Nicholas is looking forward to getting back to being an active knight again. Nicholas and his wife live in the Lakes at Boca Raton community.



Dr Richard Crawford and his wife, Carolyn, recently retired from careers in education in Mt Vernon, Missouri and moved to the Whisper Walk community in Boca Raton, Florida. They were very active in St Susanne's Catholic Church and look forward to becoming active members of the St John the Evangelist Parish. Richard joined the Mt Vernon Council 7516 Knights of Columbus in 1985 and is an Honorary 3rd and 4th Degree Knight. He has served as GK, FS and several other offices during his tenure. He is excited about transferring his membership to Council 11421 where he hopes to continue working on various K of C programs and activities.

When you see Nicholas and Richard please welcome them into our council.

Parish Renovation Projects:

This past year the pandemic has been disruptive to our normal way of life and to the charitable works that we do as council throughout the year. The Saturday morning food distribution with Boca Helping Hands at the Glades Baptist Church were eliminated, the tootsie roll drives at Old Navy and the church were eliminated, the awards program at the Equine Assisted Therapies was cancelled, Special Olympics County Bowling Championship and Summer Games were cancelled, Habitat for Humanity events were cancelled, our annual church dinners and pancake breakfasts were postponed, but maybe there is some good to come from this pandemic. The pandemic enable the church and the council to look for other opportunities to do things right here around the church.

In September, Father Dominic handed Grand Knight Ted a list of items that needed to be repaired or corrected around the Church. These items didn't require high technical skills, but just ordinary every day hard work. At first GK Ted thought that this work would be difficult for the council to accomplished since the council had never done this kind of work before, but as time went along, more and more items got completed. Now after six months most if not all the work has been completed. Here is a list of things that the council has done:

- Sidewalks around the Church and Parish Hall were pressure washed.
- Wheel stops in the parking areas were cleaned.
- Equipment shed was built to house the lawn mowers and gas supplies.
- Purchased and installed sturdier metal shelving for the Storage Room in the Parish Hall.



- Landscape the church grounds with new mulch.
- Anchored the statues and secured the benches in the Prayer Garden.

GK Ted estimated that the work included above saved the Church approximately \$13,360, if the Church were to contract this work to outside services.



Christmas Wreaths:

The Christmas wreath sale was very profitable in the amount \$1,637.00. The money received will be used to offset the costs for the Parish Renovation projects. Special thanks to the Ladies of St. John's who helped show brother knights how to make a good-looking wreath. There was some wreath making materials left over so the material will be saved for next year. In addition, new year an advent wreath may be added for possible sale.

Christmas Eve Mass:

Currently, our Parish has live video streaming. This year due to the COVID-19 social distancing requirements, the Pavilion was turned into an overflow area for the Church at all the Christmas Eve Masses. The council would like thank all the brothers knights who helped with setting up this area and who served as ushers during the Christmas Eve Masses. So COVID-19 has challenged us to come up with new and inventive ways to bring the message of God and to best utilize our church facilities.



Giving Tree

The Supporting Life Ministry supported by the Knights of Columbus Council #11421 and the Ladies of St. John's, would like to thank everyone who supported Our Christmas Giving Tree.

The donations went to support the Birthline/Lifeline Pregnancy Care Centers. Birthline/Lifeline is busy processing the donations, and will have a final report in a few weeks. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic the out pouring of donations was overwhelming filling three SUV's with donations. Thanks to Brother Jim Etue for chairing this group and to Brothers Bruce Kendall and Larry Bower for helping with delivery of the donations to Birthline/Lifeline.

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.

Thank you to those that supported this worthy cause. There are many babies and their Mom's that benefited from our donations.

Each of you has made a significant difference.

The Supporting Life group will be back for our annual Mother's Day Diaper Drive in early May.

Your continued support is appreciative!!!



COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH & COMMUNITY

The Council wants to thank Brother Mike King for a generous donation of \$500 towards the construction of a future Memorial Garden. The Council met with Father Domonic as to how best to use Brother Mike's donation for the good of the Parish. Father Domonic requested that we build a Memorial Garden in the area near the Prayer Garden. Plans are being worked on and more information will follow.

The Council wants to thank SK Jim Falzone for his generous donation of \$200 towards the cost of a new garage door opener at the parish priest residence.

The Council wants to thank SK Charles Coward for his generous donation of \$500 from the mask sales he had in December.

The Council wants to thank Brother Jim Urbanek for his knowledge and skills in helping to design and build the storage shed.

ISN'T IT GREAT TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

Message from Lecturer Alan Daniello:

Brothers,

"As we begin the new year, let us think of the past year and the difficulties that we encountered. It has been an awakening for us all to imagine that our plain and simple life we treasured, was shattered in so many ways. We look forward to the future to lift our spirits and hopes and dreams once again into a much better world we once knew. We learned through 2020 that some things we thought mattered were not so important, but others we took for granted are cherished. It was a good year to orient our priorities.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and learn not in your own understanding, in all your ways submit to Him and he will make your paths straight."

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 on 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.

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 invent 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. The Giving Tree donations was very good and Jim would like to thank everyone who helped with managing the Giving Tree during the donation period and help with delivery of the donated items Birthline/Lifeline. A diaper drive is scheduled for Mother's Day.

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?

Worthy Brother Knights,



By the time you read this you and I have probably been working from home, sheltering in place or on lockdown for 11 months! Who would have thought it? I hope you and your family are safe and healthy.

Being at home so much over the past 11 months has been different...mostly in a good way, although I think most of us have "corona virus fatigue." We'll keep socially distant and do our part by wearing a mask, but we're tired of all the restrictions. On the home front we've had our minor squabbles but being at home has helped me have more dialogue with my family and has taught me how precious time together is. It's taught me to slow down, consider the important people in my life and resolve to

keep this attitude when the restrictions are lifted.

This is the month of Valentine's Day and being home makes me appreciate my wife even more. Whether or not you have children at home, our spouses don't get nearly enough credit for all they do. What would we do without them? In *Fiddler on the Roof*, Mama and Golde sing, "Who must know the way to make a proper home...Who must raise a family and run the home?" Of course, that song about "Tradition" is the old-fashioned way of looking at "the mama." That's one theme of the play; the changing roles in the family and in society. Many of our spouses have the role of breadwinner, professional, provider, business owner, etc....and manage to also make a proper home, raise the family and run the household. They are remarkable!

So, don't forget that dozen roses, the heart-shaped box of chocolates, the card or the gift as a token of your love and letting her know how much she means to you. And if you want to really let her know how much you love her, take a few minutes with me and take stock of where you are with your life insurance and disability insurance coverage. With so many spouses in the workplace, it would be neglectful to not make sure they are properly protected. Many households rely on two incomes to pay the bills and the loss of either one, to an untimely death or an illness or accident that means one is unable to work, can be devastating.

I've met with many of you over the past months and I can continue to meet virtually over the computer...everyone stays safe. The Order has equipped me to make sure I can properly meet and service all my assigned brother knights and their families.

Let's spend a few minutes together and make sure everything is in place for the ones you love.

Vivat Jesus!

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Comments and corrections are welcome.

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